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...As Dawn Came Up In Schenectady

By BEN FIELD

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SCHENECTADY, Jan. 15.—Long before dawn the strikers at the big General Electric plant are out on the picket line. There are no stars in the sky. The moon has died like a flare. It is bitter cold. The snow begins to fall.

By six o'clock every entrance to this great plant, which overshadows the whole town, standing like a dark guard at the gates of the Mohawk Valley, is sealed by the strikers. Picket captains check on their squads. Arm bands and signs are distributed quickly and efficiently, for the headquarters of Local 301 of the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, which is carrying on the strike, has been open all night.

BEN FIELD

Men and women, Negro and white, war veterans, some still wearing Army and Navy gear; AFL steamfitters out to help their brothers in the CIO union, even the unorganized office workers and engineers marched before the various gates in a mass demonstration, the like of which this city has never seen before.

Until the last moment the company tried to scare and divide the workers. This morning, though police are out in force and foremen and superintendents have been deputized, no effort is made to bolt through and slash the picket line. Certain powerhouse workers, maintenance men, Army and Navy personnel, are allowed into the plant only if they show cards with the union seal.

How meek the gold braid is. The vets, of whom there are hundreds in this union, are getting a great kick out of this.

WHEELS WITHIN WHEELS

The wind strikes with the edge of its long blade. Snow drifts down as out of a shaker. The picket line becomes stronger. I hop into a car driven by a young worker, a native of Schenectady, and we loop around the plant. He knows the country well; he has hunted on the flats for pheasant and fished for bass and bullheads in the channels of the Mohawk River. He knows the people even better.

Before the "subway entrance" of the plant the line is wheels within wheels. Signs, which are no ordinary swatters decked with feeble slogans, but blunt challenges lit up with typical native humor, buck in the wind: "Is This What We Fought For?" "This Plant Temporarily Snafu," "Scabs, Scram," "All Out for $2 Per Day More," "How About Some Starch for Those White Collars?"

A picket captain comes up clad in boots like a lumberjack. He hears that out of a 26-man picket squad, 25 reported and every single vet is in there on the ball. Behind us the union soundtruck plays "Hold the Fort," the Soup Song and cowboy tunes. Bill's lunchroom is one of the union kitchens for the duration; it is packed, with several strikers helping the counterman serve coffee and doughnuts donated by the town merchants, most of whom are with the strikers. The farmers are also lending a hand with food; members of the Farmers Union are active.

THE STRIKERS' MIGHT

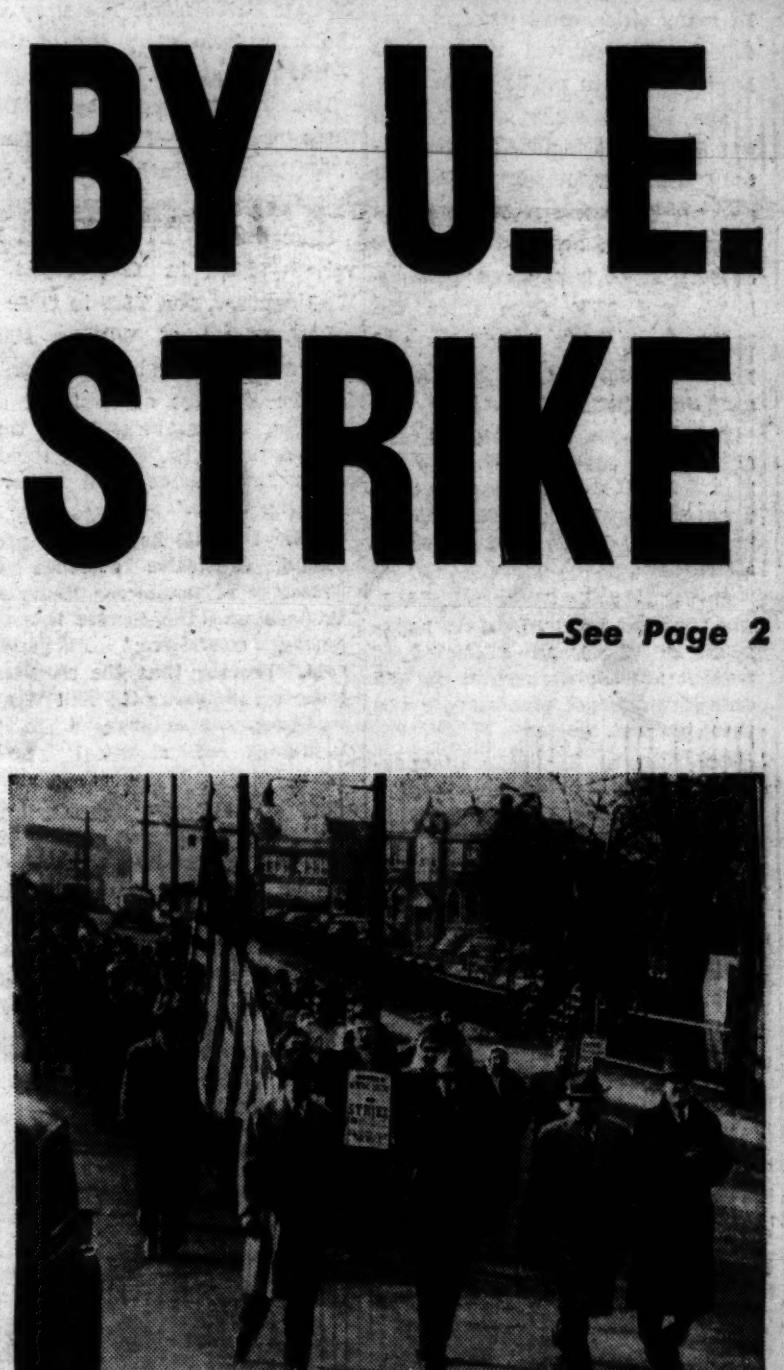
A churchbell hammers on the next street calling workers to mass. It grows lighter. We make the rounds of other gates—at the cinderpath where pickets are keeping themselves warm, making fires of birchwood, and at the Campbell Ave. plant, from which we can see snow-hooded hills and the frozen belt of the river in the distance.

Gradually the source of strength of these workers becomes more apparent—instrument makers, grinders, drill and power and punch press operators, men and women of the assembly line, engineers and office workers, all the people whose skin and energy whipped up the wheels of production to help win the war.

For everywhere there is discipline, a growing faith in themselves, even a surprise at their own strength, for to many this is their baptism of fire as industrial workers. A good number are women, Negroes, people from rural areas, farmers working as factory hands for the first time. They back hard-working, earnest leaders. They will not let themselves be used as chips in a fast game.

We finish our rounds of the gates and make a bee-line for a meeting called to organize the office workers. As I take a last look at the pickets, I remember a strike out West, to which I saw a worker bring down that great American bird, a bald eagle, to picket with him. And it seems to me that there is an eagle on this line, here in Schenectady.

For these striking General Electric workers are on the line not only for themselves in order to keep this ruthless corporation from tearing their small loaves into crumbs and crusts, they are also in their way, though many are still unaware of it, struggling valiantly, yes patriotically, for the rights of the working class in America, the true, dogged heart of a great people.



UE Strikers on Parade: Part of the crowd of 10,000 from General Electric and Westinghouse plants, Bloomfield, N. J., who left the workshops for the picket line yesterday in a fight for $2 a day wage increases. The parade spread out over about 10 city blocks, culminated in a vast demonstration on the Town Green in the center of Bloomfield with Bloomfield's Mayor Reed one of the speakers. [Other photo on Page 2.]

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Meat Strike On Today

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CARNEGIE LIBRARY AT PITTSBURGH

Strike 100% Effective in Plants Of 'Big 3' Electrical Companies

The strike of 200,000 employes of the "Big Three" electrical companies is "100 percent effective," Albert J. Fitzgerald, president of the CIO's United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, announced yesterday. Not a single case of scabbing was reported as 79 plants of General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors scattered in 69 communities were shut down.

For the first time in the nation's labor history, both salaried white-collared and production workers, members of the same union, came out together in a nation-wide walkout. The walkout for a raise of 25 cents an hour was under way with the start of the morning's shift. Picket lines in many instances formed with thousands in line. In many cities, mass picketing was followed by spirited meetings in large halls or in public squares.

The biggest single struck plant was GE's home factory at Schenectady, where 20,000 workers became strikers. The western Pennsylvania industrial area acquired over 40,000 strikers, 31,400 from seven Westinghouse and 9,500 from three GE 12,675 from GM's Frigidaire and plants. Dayton had almost 20,000—6,970 from GM's Delco.

Massachusetts, Rhode island, and Connecticut had a total of 42,000. The largest New England centers were Lynn, Mass., 16,000; Bridgeport, Conn., 11,500, and Pittsfield, Mass., 8,000.

As a community, Bloomfield, N. J., was the most involved. Of its population of 38,000, an estimated 80 percent are the workers in the GE and Westinghouse plants there and their families.

GE's Charles E. Wilson announced yesterday that all of the company's 43 plants employing 100,000 workers were down and will remain shut "until after the strike has been settled."

Westinghouse spokesmen followed with an admission that "generally speaking, our entire company is down." General Motors plants employ 25,000, chiefly concentrated on Frigidaire production at Dayton, O.

General headquarters of the UE at 11 East 51 St. looked like an election night beehive as telephones kept ringing from all points on the 16-state strike front. The story was the same from every one of them —"100 percent out."

The strike is directed by the UE's three top officers—Fitzgerald, James J. Matles, organization director, and Julius Emspak, secretary-treasurer.

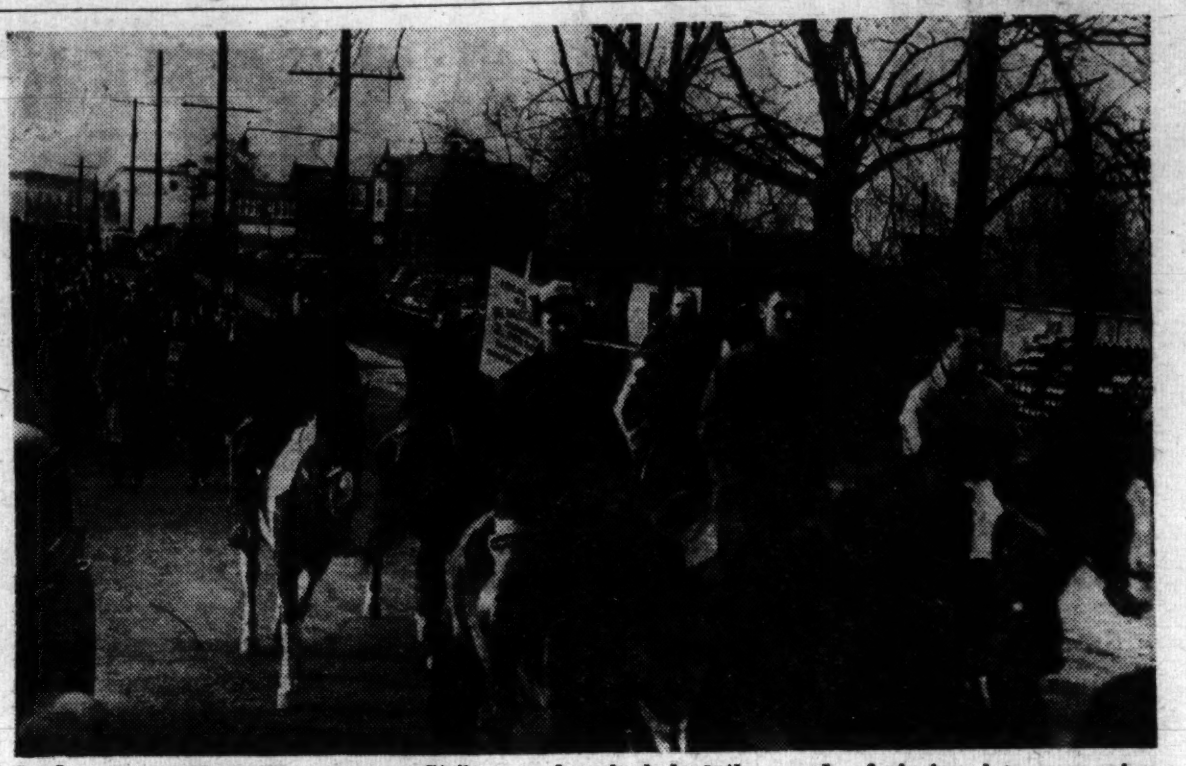
More than 57,000 women are involved—30,000 in GE; 20,000 in Westinghouse, and 7,000 in GM.

Lashing out at Wilson's statement attempting to blame the union for the shortage of electrical appliances, Fitzgerald said the company is trying to "absolve" the industry from blame "and fasten it upon the union."

"The UE-CIO has already presented conclusive evidence to Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace and the Senate investigating committee," Fitzgerald said, "proving that the electrical industry, including GE and Westinghouse, have engaged in a hold-back of electrical appliances."

The "offer" by Westinghouse head, A. W. Robertson, of a 45-hour week was termed not a wage raise but an attack "upon conditions gained by labor after years of struggle."

There appeared no new developments in the deadlocked electrical negotiations. GE stood by its 10 percent proposal. Nothing better than a 13.5 cents an hour raise has come from GM.



Labor's Minute Men: Strikers on horseback lead the parade of singing, banner-carrying pickets that closed down the electrical industry in Bloomfield, N. J. They're part of 200,000 United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers on strike against General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors' electrical division from coast to coast. —Daily Worker photo

Pickets on Horseback

By DOROTHY LOEB

NEWARK, Jan. 15.—General Electric, Westinghouse and General Motors, three of the biggest trusts in America, said no to their workers' demands for a living wage, and today New Jersey workers gave them their answer on the picket line. In the metropolitan area, 11 plants of the billionaire corporations were closed down tight as a drum. Marching pickets, singing songs and carrying banners, were telling the story of their fight for a $2 a day raise to the public.

Under the leadership of the CIO United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers, over 15,000 hit the picket line in this area, most of them in New Jersey.

They were out at 6 a.m. before the dawn came up. The air was cold, but the pickets were hot with anger against companies that made billions in war profits, then put through huge wage cuts after V-J Day and refused to discuss restoring them.

At Bloomfield, N. J., where both GE and Westinghouse have plants, more than 8,000 were on strike. They put on a colorful demonstration that had the entire city of 65,000 out on the streets or hanging out of windows.

PICKETS ON HORSES

From just before daybreak, when the first kerchief-capped, slacks-wearing girl strikers arrived, until 10 a.m., they were picketing in front of the two plants which are near each other. At 10, led by a Salvation Army band and by strikers on horseback, they marched the full mile length from the plants to the historic Town Green, where they held an hour-long demonstration.

With them in the line of march were General Motors strikers from the Chevrolet plant in Bloomfield. Their strike is now in its eighth week.

Union pre-strike preparations were unprecedented. For weeks in advance, community figures were approached, strike issues explained, promise of support won. The Bloomfield demonstration was an impressive sample of what went on elsewhere in the country.

NO NIGHT STICKS

Mayor John A. Reed, a clergyman in his own right, who leads Bible classes during the week and is pastor of the Watchung Presbyterian Church, led the demonstration in prayer on the Town Green. "Yours is a just cause," he told the strik

Edward Harrington, commander of the Bloomfield post of the American Legion; Howard da Sylva, screen star, featured in the movie, **The Lost Weekend**, and James J. Matles, UE director of organization, were others to address the demonstration.

Matles drew roars of applause from the crowd when he accused the Big Three electrical companies of making a two-way squeeze against their workers and against the general public. They deny a living wage to their employes and refuse to sell long-needed consumer electrical appliances to consumers in a hold-up for higher prices, he asserted.

RESTAURANTS HELP

Ralph Stuart, Westinghouse plant manager, and Charles W. Billings, personnel manager, tried to get into the plant. Pickets insisted on seeing their identification papers. Then two strikers and a policeman led them to the one gate the union has okayed for entry by nine executives, and for them alone.

During the Town Green demonstration, 50 foremen tried to get get through the line. Mostly girls were picketing. But they didn't let them through.

"A fly couldn't get by our line without our permission," one striker said.

In Hoboken, 400 GE workers, not yet organized, refused to go to work when the union set up a picket line. Thirty-five joined the line themselves.

In Newark, hundreds of pickets circled the block square GE Lamp plant, said to be the lowest paid sweatshop in the entire GE system. Forty percent of the strikers there are Negroes, and attractive Bernice Russell, Negro,

At Westinghouse Meter, Newark, 2,500 were out solid. They had a double and trip line around the block-square plant.

At Westinghouse, Trenton, N. J., the story was the same. Seven hundred were out there.

At Westinghouse Elevator in Jersey City, 1,400 were on the picket line.

In Westchester, the strike hit GE shops in Mount Vernon and White Plains.

Picket Line Dwarfs Giant E. Pittsburgh Electrical Plant

By ART SHIELDS

EAST PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 15.—One could hardly move past the biggest plant of the Westinghouse Electric Corporation at daybreak today, pickets were packing Braddock Ave. so tightly. Men and women, Negro and white pickets, were marching together in the first shutdown of the plant since 1916.

The 16,000 East Pittsburgh strikers were the vanguard of 34,000 members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers who came out in Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia in 10 plants of the Westinghouse and General Electric Corporations today in support of union demand for a $2-a-day wage increase.

Another 8,000 supervisory employes were barred from the East Pittsburgh plant by pickets, bringing the out-of-plant in this region to 42,000.

The Westinghouse took a licking the first day. Hardly anyone got into the plant except the few maintenance men and the handful of unionized company guards who are permitted inside by the union contract to protect the plant against fire hazards and depreciation of equipment.

There were few mouths to eat the truckloads of food the company had sent in, and few backs to warm the company cots stacked inside. Production was nil.

Superintendents were barred with the rest unless they slipped in last night. Superintendent Jack Dorsner has just been shut out by pickets at the Nuttal subplant as we drove up. Others supers fared similarly.

Two thousand veterans are part of the East Pittsburgh fight. At the Homewood subplant, for instance, five men out of nine in front of the gate were vets of two wars.

"I'm in this fight to a finish," said Pat Dorsey, who was machine-gunned and gassed in France in 1918, before going to work for Westinghouse 25 years ago.

"I'm sticking with the union to the end," said William Allen, Negro veteran of Pershing's AEF who was marching with Dorsey. Three veterans of the war against Hitler spoke similarly.

PICKET-LINE TRAINING

UE's local baseball stars, who play on the union's team in the Pittsburgh League, are doing their winter training on the picket line.

"Every one of my players is joining in the march to keep out scabs," said C. R. (Bud) Bowman, chairman of the union's sports committee who took us around the seven plants in this Westinghouse group.

Picket volunteers, incidentally, overwhelmed President John Metcalfe and other officials of Westinghouse Local 601 today. By tomorrow, however, the union expects to level off the picket army on the strength of about 2,800 daily unless reinforcements are needed.

Four thousand women production workers are taking turns on the picket line and the Ladies Auxiliary is a tower of strength in the fight.

"I guess the men know now what an auxiliary means to a union," said Mrs. Grace Ebling, the auxiliary's president with a twinkle in her eye, as she helped some 20 other women in the central strike canteen.

Some food is donated. The Wonderbaker, for instance, is giving a day's bread supply. But most of the food comes out of the initial fund of $40,000 the local appropriated for the start of the strike and from gifts from other locals. Workers in UE's Westinghouse Airbrake local, who produce railroad equipment, for instance, voted 20 percent of their pay for the duration of the strike. This amounts to $40,000 a week.

A Glance At Nationwide Strike Front

The nationwide wage fight stood as follows last night:

MEAT PACKING: Midnight remained the zero hour for a strike against the "Big Five" packers for 325,000 CIO and AFL workers.

ELECTRICAL: Two hundred thousand employes of the "Big Three" electrical companies responded 100 per-cent to the strike call of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, shutting plants in 69 communities.

STEEL: Benjamin Fairless of U.S. Steel, will again meet with Steelworkers president Philip Murray at the White House today following a conference with other steel interests at New York. The steel strike deadline is next Sunday midnight. Strike continues at Lackawanna, N. Y. and Worcester, Mass.

FARM EQUIPMENT: Leaders of the United Farm Equipment Workers left Chicago for fact-finding hearings in Washington but served notice that strike plans for next Monday remain unchanged.

RUBBER: Goodyear Rubber and Tire workers following overwhelming votes for strike at Akron, Gadsen, Ala., and other centers, look to a Jan. 23 strategy conference of United Rubber Workers leaders at Washington.

AUTO: General Motors strikers round out eight weeks of strike with the company still refusing to accept the fact-finding recommendation of a 19.5 cents an hour raise. Ford offers 17½-cent raise.

COPPER: A strategy conference of representatives of the UE and the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers met at New York to plan nationwide action against the Phelps-Dodge Corp. as a strike at the company's Elizabeth plant continues.

328,000 to Shut Meat Plants

By CARL HIRSCH

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—In an unprecedented strike of the meat packing industry some 328,000 CIO and AFL workers were set to walk out shortly after midnight tonight. Hitting hard at the Big Four packers who set the wage scale in one of the nation's lowest paid industries, the strike will shut down the stockyards, packing houses and butchering establishments of all but a few independents who have recently signed new contracts with the unions.

The strike will involve 193,000 members of the CIO United Packinghouse Workers and 135,000 members of the AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen.

Meeting between the unions and the packers were continuing right up to the midnight zero hour at U. S. Conciliation Service Offices here, but union spokesmen reported that the companies have shown no intention of making any proposals that might avert a strike.

President Lewis J. Clark of the United Packinghouse Workers Union declared that the packers were "solely interested in continuing their exorbitant wartime profits irrespective of the impact of the strike on the nation and on the world."

Eleven of the independent packers have settled with the unions for a 15-cent wage increase and agreed to negotiate for additional amounts, depending on the national wage picture. The two international unions involved have asked the Big Four packers—Armour & Co., Swift & Co., Wilson & Co. and Cudahy Packing Co.—for 25 cents an hour increase and up to the last moment the unions stated that they will settle for 17½ cents and an agreement to negotiate the balance.

Truman Insists on 30-Day Cool-Off

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—President Truman still insists on getting his 30-day cool-off as a solution for the strike demands of labor, he told his press conference today.

The President said he had hopes of averting the steel strike, and does not threaten to seize the strike-threatened meat plants.

He discussed the labor front at his press conference as the Congress of Industrial Organiations prepared for intensive strike action of the U. S. Steel Corporation fails—at a White House conference tomorrow—to satisfy the 19½ cents an hour wage increase demanded by the United Steel Workers, CIO.

The meeting will be the second at the White House since last Saturday. This time both Mr. Truman and reconversion Director John W. Snyder will sit in.

The President and government officials generally are said to feel that if this dispute can be settled amicably, most of the other major industrial disputes can be ironed out.

U. S. Steel is the bellwether of that far-flung industry. Other major industries usually follow its lead. A final settlement with USW is believed to hinge on the Government's approval of an increase in steel prices. It is understood that an increase of $3 to $5 a ton will be granted if the industry agrees to increase wages substantially.

Mr. Truman once again lauded his fact-finding plan now before Congress. He said he saw no need for additional authority over labor disputes if Congress approves fact-finding boards.

Even as Mr. Truman renewed his criticism of Congress for delaying action on labor legislation, the Senate Education and Labor Committee agreed to speed up hearings on labor bills.

He also urged that the Senate be given an opportunity to vote on the Hobbs Bill making labor unions subject to Federal anti-racketeering laws. The House has passed the measure.

To await outcome of the steel conference tomorrow, the CIO cancelled its policy meeting scheduled for Jan. 29-31 in Atlantic City. Lee Pressman, General Counsel for the CIO and USW, said however, that "if the steel industry remains deaf to the union's plea for decent living standards a strike is inevitable."

Meanwhile the United Electric Workers, CIO, was already on strike with 200,000 members out and the deadline neared for the walkout of 200,000 members of the United Packinghouse Workers, CIO.

A "No Vacancy" sign hangs on a city-limits marker at Los Angeles, Calif. It can be surmised that the sign was hung up by a home-hunter who'd quit trying.

Newark Asks State Aid for Strikers

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 15.—The city commission, Newark's governing body, voted four to one today to petition the state legislature to give unemployment insurance to strikers.

New Jersey law bans giving benefits in "labor disputes," even though workers pay half the money that provides the insurance.

Action was taken after a crowd of 500, many of them strikers under CIO Council auspices, presented a resolution. The resolution also urged Congress to act on labor bills. Mayor Vincent Murphy, secretary of New Jersey's AFL, led the aye votes.

Public Safety Commissioner John Keenan, Democrat, sole member of the commission elected without CIO support, voted no.

McLevy Denies Strikers Aid, Bridgeport Walkout Is Solid

By JOHN MELDON

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Jan. 15.—Ten thousand General Electric and Bryant-Hemco Electric workers walked out in a solid phalanx here this morning in a showdown battle with monopoly capitalists in this industry as to whether its workers will live half-way decently or whether GE will resurrect the pay scales of the old open-shop.

The two plants struck here by the CIO United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, are the sprawling General Electric works on Boston Ave., employing approximately 8,000, and the Bryant plant, a subsidiary of Westinghouse, which employs around 2,000.

When the signal was given by UE local leaders here this morning, every manjack coming off the night shift struck at 6 a.m., thousands remaining in the bitter, cold black of the morning to join the pickets.

Bridgeport's two new newspapers and the Police Department admitted publicly that the strike was solid from its inception and without a semblance of disorder. The UE's pre-strike preparations were perfect and were reflected this morning in disciplined ranks of the men and women on the line.

One of the things which has burned up the strikers was the action of Bridgeport's Mayor Jasper McLevy, phony Socialist, who told a committee of unionists visiting him, "that there wll be no relief for strikers in this city." The committee had asked the alleged Socialist whether or not the various city relief agencies would give relief to strikers in case of necessity. Mayor McLevy answered, "In the old days we struck, we got no city or federal relief. If the government had carried us along in our days, we would have won." In other words, anything that will help in winning this vital strike here—Socialist McLevy is against.

VETS JOIN LINE

Hundreds of war veterans, some in uniform, other garbed in Army hats or trousers because they can't buy civilian clothes, are on the picket line, along with women and Negro workers. The spirit is magnificent and picket line songs are a popular pastime.

I spoke to several veterans as they picketed. They are a determined bunch of men.

John Habzanski of 1511 Pembroke St., just back from 34 months in the Pacific, summed up the feeling of the veterans: "I'm ready to go through another 34 months on the picket line to win a fight that's as big to us vets as the fight over there was."

John said he came back to work for a weekly wage of $32. "How can I support myself, a wife and kid on that?" he asked.

The groups in these plants that took a real bouncing around after V-J Day are the women workers who constitute 40 percent of the total. Josephine Willard's case is typical of the plight of thousands of her sisters.

"My total pay cut," she said, "is around 30 percent. I earned $1.20 an hour for 48 hours, with time and a half for the last eight hours. Then we were out to 40 hours a week. Then the company pulled the woman-racket on us—I was taken off what they call a man's job and put on what they labeled a woman's job at 65 cents an hour.

NEGRO CUT $15

Or take the case of Elsie Stewart, a young Negro GE employee. She is single and earned $35 weekly during the war. Now she is lucky if she takes home $20.

"How can a girl support herself on that with prices what they are?" she demanded. "All I managed to save during the war was a few bonds and about $100 in the bank. I don't like strikes. No one in his right senses does, but I'm in this thing until the bitter end." This is her first strike experience too, but the first day of the walkout she came in to strike headquarters and volunteered for any job during the strike.

An important aspect of the strike here is that the white collar workers are out solid with the production employes and are all members of the UE. The strike leaders permitted a group of clerks to enter the GE plant today to make out the final payroll.

Maurice Wechsler, a union die-caster from an unstruck shop here, has been appointed as full time chairman of the Bridgeport Strike Relief Committee. Wechsler heads the relief set-up on behalf of the Bridgeport CIO Council, which is solidly behind the walkout, and he is proud of the fact that all AFL unions here have offered to help.

Poland to Refuse Entry to Saboteur

WARSAW, Jan. 15 (Polpress).—Polish Vice-Premier Wladyslaw Gomulka today declared that Polish emigres who are working for Allied rejection of Poland's claim to the pre-war German territories would be barred from returning to Poland. He linked these forces with General Wladyslaw Anders.

Fighting Reported

ROME, Jan. 15 (UP).—Planes, artillery and armored cars were rushed to Sicily today, and carabinieri clamped a 5 P. M. to 8 A. M. curfew on four areas after recent violence.

THE UE's ANSWER

AN EDITORIAL

The spirit and unity of the electrical workers' strike marks a high point in union organization.

The stubborn and arrogant employers in the offices of Westinghouse, General Electric, who had been thinking perhaps that this union could not put on so impressive a performance, will have to revise their thinking.

The employers had refused to make any offer for negotiation. They had, perhaps, desired to test the union's ability to mobilize its membership.

They now have had their answer.

They will discover that their calculations of weakness have been mistaken. The leaders and membership of this union learned to fight in the process of organizing the industry, where they faced all the cunning opposition of the electric manufacturing trust. It is a union whose leadership has known how to banish inner divisions, and unite its members.

Millions of Americans know and admire the 'UE." The country knows its exemplary war record, the way it has united the communities where it has contracts with its membership.

This unity is being shown in this struggle.

The three giants of big capital will discover that their striking employes have the loyal support of the entire labor movement and the majority of the common people as well.

Meat Trust's Tainted War Record

By LOUISE MITCHELL

The Big Four meat packers, who all through the war rubbed shoulders with black marketers and other specialists in gypping the consumer, are now trying to put the squeeze on packinghouse workers.

And they hope to use the often-fleeced consumer as their dupes in a campaign of slick union-busting, when the scheduled strike starts Wednesday.

Swift, Armour, Wilson and Cudahy are using the demands of 835,000 AFL and CIO meat workers for a wage increase to bust price ceilings and boost retail ceilings. The unions after asking a 25-cent hourly increase are now willing to accept 17½ cents.

Members of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen and the United Packinghouse Workers have said "no" to the seven and one-half cent wage offer made by the meat trust. Seventy percent of the nation's slaughter and packinghouses will be shut by the walkout.

Like their brother-barons in steel and auto, the packers are pleading poverty. Swift and Armour have rejected an undisclosed government price boost on the meat it purchases.

Through the use of a peculiar system of bookkeeping, the Big Four claims it loses money on meat production. The books only show bulging profits on byproducts like skins, soap, fertilizer, brush hairs and glue.

But income tax returns which cover the entire business show that Swift paid $34,000,000 in excess profits last year on its one and one-half billion dollar sales. The other three corporations paid taxes in line with Swift.

Combined profits of the Big Four, even after taxes, were 270 percent above 1940 profits.

These meat millionaires will soon spend millions in advertising to wean customers, farmers, retailers to their side against the workers.

Yet it was the Big Four which:

- Staged several sitdown strikes throughout the war in order to fleece consumers by way of artificial shortages.
- Had its farm-bloc representatives in Congress fight controls and effective price enforcement.
- Told the farmers to raise all the livestock they could. After farmers had boosted production 30 percent, the packers in the winter of 1943-44 said, we don't want anymore meat now. It takes years to produce livestock and after they are fattened up, are a loss to the farmer if not sold.
- Forced retailers to buy millions of dollars worth of merchandize in tie-in sales in violation of OPA rules. In July 1945 the government had suits pending against Swift, Armour and Wilson.
- Managed to get their representatives in the OPA setup thereby throttling the agency.

The packers will try to set New Yorkers against the strikers because this city receives 35 percent of all the federally-inspected meat in the country, will be hard hit. They will try to set the Jewish people against the strike. Kosher meat, due to dietary laws, is produced in New York City slaughterhouses. Non-kosher meat will trickle into the city from 30 percent of the industry not affected by the strike but there will be no kosher meat here.

SEEK TO HIDE GUILT

The Big Four will try to blame the strikers for the meatless Mondays, Tuesdays and the rest of the week until the strike is settled in order to hide their own guilt in meat shortages, low wages and high prices.

"Wages paid meat workers were so low during the war," Meyer Stern, regional director of CIO packinghouse, said yesterday, "that the industry with its intolerable working conditions failed to attract labor. This is the reason behind the current meat shortage."

In meat packing, wages to workers account for one of the lowest percentages of total expenses of any industry—only 7 percent. Present rates in metropolitan cities are 62 cents per hour for women and 72½ for men. The $28.80 weekly wage for family men forced many to work as many as 100 hours. Despite this, productivity during the war rose 12 percent and some departments 50 percent, according to the Department of Labor.

This low-wage policy has held down production and created the greatest labor turnovers in the country. The number of workers with jobs in packinghouse has fallen off one-fifth from a year ago. Payrolls in the same 12 months fell 20 percent. For every $5 paid out a year ago, packers now only pay $4.

It is against such conditions that the meat workers are prepared to act.

Scientists Organize to Save Medical Science From Hearst

The Hearst-inspired anti-vivisection bill now in the State Legislature menaces medical research and progress, Dr. George Baehr, president of the New York Academy of Medicine, said yesterday. Announcing the formation of "Friends of Medical Research," Dr. Baehr said the group aims to speed knowledge of the contributions animal research has made to general health.

For the past few weeks, Hearst has been conducting a hysterical campaign with full-page spreads and pictures to push the passage of the DiCostanzo-Davidson bill to outlaw medical experiments on living dogs. It is part of his general opposition to human progress, including science.

Hearst's drive is not based on his solicitude or love for dogs; it's just that he loves humans less.

If the bill had been a law years ago, said Dr. Baehr, "it would have been impossible to develop insulin, which is responsible for keeping alive more than one million persons in the United States. Dogs were indispensable in the research work which led to this discovery."

The thousands of lives saved during the war were made possible through blood transfusion methods first developed on dogs, he said.

The remaining scourges of mankind, he added, can be solved only by the use of dogs and other animals.

Most persons do not understand, he explained, that these experiments are conducted in a humane manner to protect dogs and other animals from unnecessary pain.

The truth is that more dogs are destroyed each year by humane societies than by experimentation. Nearly 200,000 dogs were destroyed by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in 1944 in New York City alone.

EDUCATIONAL DRIVE

The Friends of Medical Research is conducting an educational campaign with various medical and scientific groups to acquaint the public with the facts. It was launched by the New York Academy of Medicine and the Medical Society of the State of New York and is backed by outstanding public figures.

Last year a similar anti-vivisection bill almost passed the legislature.

Hearst's current drive, which includes a signature campaign to Gov. Dewey and the Legislature, has made significant headway, and unless the public is enlightened as to the facts, medical science will be obstructed. His campaign, which is being conducted in several states, will be especially harmful in New York, where several of the world's greatest scientific centers are situated.

Dr. Maurice L. Tainter, research department, Winthrop Chemical Co., said yesterday "that almost every gain in the last hundred years is the direct result of animal research. Such drugs as penicillin, streptomycin, liver extracts franemias, thioracil for thyroid and many others, are possible only because of the use of animals."

A few of the life-saving and pain-relieving discoveries made possible through experimentation on dogs are cures for diabetes, rickets, pernicious anemia, war wounds, rabies, hookworm, pellagra and others. Every successful vaccine and serum developed against child and adult diseases owes its effectiveness to animal experiments.

Cacchione Hits Plan to Sell City Plants to Edison

The plan to sell the city transit system's three power plants to Consolidated Edison Co. was denounced yesterday by Councilman Peter V. Cacchione as a "betrayal of the people's interest." The plan was suggested by Major General Charles P. Cross, chairman of the Board of Transportation.

Cacchione asked how the utility monopoly expects to sell power to the city cheaper than the city manufactures it, when "the revenue derived from the sale of power must also produce sufficient funds to show profit and pay interest on bonds."

"Perhaps the Consolidated Co.", he said, "will set the same level of prices for the power provided to the city as it does to the consumer. Statistics show that New York City consumers are the second highest payers for electricity compared with other large U. S. cities."

Cacchione urged consumers to protest the plan.

Public to Hit Rise At Milk Hearing Thur.

Consumers, trade unionists, child care specialists and parents were urged yesterday to attend the milk hearing tomorrow (Thursday) at 10 a.m. at Hotel St. George, Brooklyn, to oppose the milk trust's plan to boost retail milk three cents per quart.

Milk monopolies are attempting to amend the Federal State Marketing Order in order to increase retail prices and lower the price of milk paid to the farmer.

The appeal to all persons interested in fighting the milk trust's latest inflationary maneuver was made by the New York State Communist Party.

CALL DETROIT RALLY TO SAVE NEGRO FROM ALA. LYNCHERS

DETROIT, Jan. 15.—A meeting to save the life of Fletcher Mills, 18-year old sharecropper, fighting extradition back to Alabama, has been called here for 8 P. M. Thursday. The meeting will be held at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, 1349 East Ferry.

The third request for the extradition of the young Negro sharecropper is being considered by Michigan Attorney-General John R. Dethmers, who will rule on the objections raised by the Detroit Civil Rights Federation.

If Dethmers rules that there is nothing wrong with the papers, then Governor Kelly will be in a position to sign the extradition warrant which will send Mills back to the lynch mob waiting for him in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

A letter received here in Detroit by Fletcher Mills from his 16-year old wife indicates the fate that awaits him.

"Don't come back on this side of the river," wrote Mrs. Mills, "because the mob crowd say that whenever the sun shines that is where they will lay him down."

Fletcher, one of 12 children, is charged with assault with intent to murder after defending himself against his landlord's clubbing.

Public pressure to date has kept the Governor of Michigan from signing the papers which will send Fletcher to a certain death.

Thursday's meeting is being called by the Midtown and Uptown Communist Clubs, and is supported by many ministers and community spokesmen. At least nine ministers will urge their congregations to attend the meeting.

Speakers include Rev. T. Timberlake, chairman, Detroit Baptist Ministers Association; Harry Ammbender, attorney, Civil Rights Federation; Rev. A. C. Williams, Metropolitan Baptist Church, and Abner Berry, educational director, Communist Party of Michigan.

New School Budget Hit As Scanty by Teachers

The Board of Education's tentative budget for 1946-47 was assailed as "inadequate" yesterday by the CIO Teachers Union. The budget, released by the Board's finance committee, provides $159,316,056 for operating the city's schools. This is $14,849,625 more than current expenditures and the largest budget to date.

The union pointed out that the Board has increased appropriations for evening schools, recreation and playground facilities, libraries, visual instruction and school maintenance supplies. Also provided are salary credit for new appointees, an increased rate of sick leave and increase per diem pay for substitutes.

However, the union said, "the Committee's budget fails to meet three basic requirements: it does not provide for a $700 salary increase with pro-rated increase for substitutes; it does not provide for payment of veterans' pension premiums; and it makes no provision for an adequate increase in the number of teaching positions."

The union specifically called attention to the lack of "slightest recognition" for a much-needed intercultural program or personnel to man it. This has been a demand of progressive groups throughout the city.

The Board continued the present $350 cost of living adjustment, although the city's teachers have been underpaid throughout the war, and have left the system in droves as a result. The Board also ignored the plight of veterans who have accumulated pension fees on an average of $500 per soldier while serving in the armed forces. Many teacher-veterans thus find themselves saddled with a huge debt upon reentering the system. The union and veterans' organizations have asked the Board to absorb the fees on the grounds that the Board saved more than the total cost in one year by hiring substitutes.

Speaking of the inadequate provisions for more teacher jobs, the union pointed out that the committee again "counts on a decline in register which in the past has fallen short of actual pupil enrollment." Only 490 additional teaching positions are provided despite the fact that the Board's own figures show 51 percent of high school classes have registers of 35 or more. The same goes for 29 percent of elementary school classes, 46 percent of junior high school classes and 22 percent of vocational school classes.

The union noted the Board recognized the problem of uncovered classes by appointing a pool of teachers to cover them, but added that the recognition was only a token in view of the 500 to 1,000 classes without daily instructors.

In examining the tentative budget, the union also noted that state aid to education is "hopelessly inadequate" to meet minimum needs of the city.

"Mr. Dewey's tinkering with the Friedsam Formula, which resulted in a $4,000,000 gain last year, has already cut an approximate $2,000,000 from that sum this year, thus increasing the city's financial burden in coping with its educational problems," the union

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Vets Join GM Strikers: Discharged servicemen, members of the CIO Auto Workers and employed at General Motors until the strike, don uniforms and hold their own picketing parade around the GM building in Detroit. Vets are solid behind the union in its demand for wage increases. GM has refused to accept Truman's fact-finding board's proposal for a 19½-cent increase.

350 Negro, White Flint Vets Parade to Aid of GM Strikers

Special to the Daily Worker

FLINT, Mich., Jan. 15.—Marching in a driving wind and sleet, about 350 vets paraded through the business district here last weekend in support of the GM strikers' wage demands. The parade followed an afternoon rally at which they unanimously adopted a resolution endorsing the struggle of organized labor.

Negro veterans marched with their white buddies in a demonstration of unity. A color guard bearing American flags flanked by the banners of the four GM locals, the CIO Band in red and blue uniforms, and the Flint Scottish Pipe Band, led the parade.

Earlier, in the auditorium of the CIO Buildin, 600 vets, heard Joe Velosky, director of the UAW-CIO Veterans Department, discuss the auto union's program for assistance to returned veterans. Joe Rivers, commander of the Genesee County Council of War Veterans, was on hand to explain the GI Bill of Rights and to answer questions pertaining to the bill.

In addition to supporting the wage fight, the vets passed a resolution urging President Truman to bring high point veterans home from overseas.

Velosky charged that the GI Bill of Rights is inadequate and that most of the veterans coming home find that they are not eligible to participate in the benefits offered. He said that labor was out to change the bill to allow for greater benefits, and that a UAW veterans' meeting in Detroit recently had adopted a specific program which they would present to the Michigan State Legislature for action.

Gilbert Rose, chairman of the Flint Veterans Committee of the UAW, presided over the meeting.

S.C. Defeats Bill To End Polltax

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 15 (UP).—The South Carolina House today defeated a bill which would have abolished the polltax as a prerequisite for voting in this state. The vote was 69 to 40.

Opposition to the repeal measure was led by Rep. Calhoun Thomas who charged that abolition of the levy would serve "to ram the Negro down our throats."

Farmers Bring Food to the WU Picket Line

By BETH McHENRY

A truck loaded with foodstuffs from upstate farmers arrived at the Western Union picket line, 60 Hudson St., yesterday with the message, "We Farmers Are With You Workers."

The food donations, sent by the Sullivan County local of the National Farmers Union, included 100 chickens, 2,000 eggs, 100 pounds of potatoes, 45 pounds of sugar, six dozen pound jars of coffee, 28 dozen cans of evaporated milk, 20 dozen cans of peas, 16 dozen cans of baked beans, three dozen jars of baby food, three cases of assorted groceries and a dozen large cans of orange juice.

Farmer Ben Bush, of South Fallsburg, said for the farmers:

"There's plenty more coming to town for the Western Union strikers, if it's needed."

On the side of the Bush Poultry Farm truck, which carried the "solidarity" provisions to town, was a big sign calling for "Farmer-Worker Unity."

Farmer Bush, who headed a delegation of six farmers and their wives to the Western Union picket line, addressed the pickets over the sound truck microphone.

"We brought this stuff because we know exactly what you're fighting for and we're behind you 100 percent."

Joseph Selly, strike leader and president of the CIO American Communications Association, declared: **"This kind of an expression of unity is the real stuff."**

Ben Bush, who was born on the farm he now operates, told how farmers all over the county willingly gave to the strike food truck.

"The storekeepers gave donations in cash," he said.

Bush explained that the farmers in Sullivan County organized recently into the Farmers Union. However, he said, they have learned the value of organization through their Farmers Feed Cooperative, and they are beginning to find out the way their price problems parallel the workers' wage demands.

"Instead of fighting each other, we figure we'd better support labor's struggle against the same corporations that make farming a tough way of getting along," he stated.

One of the farmers with Bush, a veteran from the Pacific, Dave Jaffe, said he thinks the farm sentiment is definitely changing toward the unions.

"You take a few years back," Jaffe said. "I don't think many farmers around us would've been so ready to give to strikers. Now we're getting the idea of what's what."

At a press conference near the picket line Selly again ridiculed the company's claim of production "in excess of 20 percent."

"We have evidence both from inside and outside the Western Union plant that production is less than five percent."

In reply to a company broadside that it would consider "redistribution" of the amount awarded by the National War Labor Board, Selly declared: "We are not interested in robbing Peter to pay Paul."

"The people who would benefit by that award," he said, "are entitled to what they got and more. This strike will not be settled until the oldtimers, skilled employes, and all the others who were deprived of their increases by the National Labar Board's decision receive the substantial increases to which they are entitled."

The reference was to the National Board's decision chopping down the previous award by the Regional War Labor Board granting overall 10 cents an hour increases to the Western Union workers. The ACA produced proof before the strike that public members of the board had connived with the Western Union company to wipe out the gains approved by the regional board.

The picket line continued lively and strong yesterday, reinforced by delegations from Wholesale and Warehouse Local 65, the United Office and Professional Workers Union, the Department Store Employes, the National Maritime Union and many other unions.

THE TRAP IN THE CONTRACTS

Workers are prone to pass judgment upon wage settlements entirely on the basis of the dollars and cents involved. The danger of such a narrow view is emphasized now with rumors of an impending agreement with Ford.

The danger labor faces is that it may be stuck with a blind horse, or, as the corporations call it, a "business security" clause.

The industrialists, as Henry Ford II has shown, aim to inject poisonous clauses in contracts which they can utilize later to weaken the unions and take back more than they now give.

Ford proposed that in event of an unauthorized strike the union should be fined $3 and $5 per worker for each day lost. The union's representative went a long way in meeting that demand when he agreed to such a proposal, insisting only that the workers themselves should be fined.

The Oil Workers, too, have been inveigled by Navy negotiators into a joker which provides that if even one worker under contract violates its no-strike provision, the company has a right to cancel the pact upon a 10-day notice.

The Kaiser-Fraizer agreement, providing a $5 per car bonus, also establishes conditions which smell strongly of some of the phony "cooperation" and "profit-sharing" speedup schemes of the twenties.

Labor should beware and not lose sight of the fact that the struggle with employers does not end upon settlement of a wage dispute. A worker's weapon—his organization—must never be dulled.

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Those Pacific Bases

IT'S FINALLY coming out at the UNO conference in London that the United States is thinking of grabbing up a lot of land in the Pacific for military and naval bases.

After all the slander in the reactionary press about the alleged Soviet territorial aims, it's now as clear as day that American imperialism is really out for big land-grabbing.

Here's what's involved: out in the central Pacific, there are scores of strategic islands, in the Marshall and Gilbert group, which were mandated to Japan by the old League of Nations. The United States has occupied those islands. But under the UNO charter it is supposed to turn them over to the newly-formed Trusteeship Council.

The United States would probably get the right to occupy those islands under the trusteeship formula, at least those with a strategic value. But the Army and Navy give such crude expression to their imperialism that they are refusing even to make the gesture of obeying the trusteeship formula.

If President Truman and Secretary Byrnes don't crack down on the Army's and Navy's annexationist stand, the whole trusteeship principle, weak as it is, would be endangered.

We are against a worldwide network of American military and naval bases, or even a Pacific network. That's not the way to defend the United States. Our defense lies in a policy of genuine unity with our Allies. It lies in a policy of making the UNO work, not in imperialist grabs.

And we think it's revealing that after all the accusing fingers have been pointed at other peoples, the plain fact is that the United States is making imperialist demands and proposals to the UNO.

It's another proof that the dangers to the peace don't come from abroad. They grow up and threaten us here at home from "our own" imperialists.

The Nickel Chiseler Speaks

VIRGINIA'S wealthiest apple grower, landlord and Senator—a cold-faced man with hate in his eyes for everything but the Dollar—has just offered a plan to "curb strikes."

We refer to Sen. Harry F. Byrd, the "economy expert" who, during the entire crisis years of 1932-1940 tried to chisel nickels from hungry babies whose mothers and fathers were on relief because Sen. Byrd's beloved capitalist system doesn't know how to provide security for the people.

BYRD

Byrd has cooked up the idea that trade unions should come under the SEC stock exchange regulations.

These laws were passed to curb some of the Wall Street crooks.

Now Byrd wants to bring the labor movement under the heading of stock exchange crooks.

He wants the Securities Exchance Commission to get the right to tangle unions up in prosecutions and persecutions through financial excuses of one kind or another.

Byrd's ugly suggestion that the organizations of American labor are as crooked as his own capitalist class brothers is not complimentary to them. But its falsity is obvious.

The southern Bourbons of President Truman's Democratic Party and the GOP are dishing up plans to scuttle the hard-won Wagner Labor Act which gives workingmen the right to organize without bullying at the hands of the employers.

Sen. Josiah Bailey (D-SC), for example, wants the employers to have "equal rights" with labor.

That's funny. Does he mean that the underpaid, insecure working people in the Carolina textile factories are persecuting the textile millionaires?

He really wants the employers to have the right to flood the factories with threats, union-busting literature, and other tricks to cripple unionism.

These are only samples of what tory Congressmen of both big business parties have in mind as the answer to labor's modest demand for $2 a day pay increases to meet rising prices.

Let labor and its friends make the ears of these 20th century whip wielders ring with protest.

The "answer" to the strike wave is to force Congress to make the corporations bargain for half-way decent wages.

Not to brass-knuckle the men and women whose families can't live on what the trusts are paying them.

SITDOWN

Between the Lines

U. S. and Eastern Europe

by Joseph Starobin

THERE'S probably been more talk from government officials and "business leaders" about America's mission to expand world trade and revive international economic activity than on any other single subject.

In the past four years, this country was given the impression that the United States is simply bursting with the desire to raise living standards by industrializing the rest of the world. Yet it's a curious thing that American economic policy so far has been a very deliberate and selective affair.

The United States has been making loans and planning to make loans—but only to certain countries. And Mr. Vinson of the Treasury or Mr. Clayton of the State Department have been talking big about foreign trade, but very carefully funneling the dough into selected areas of the world. Despite all the big noise about how American business wants to end discriminatory treatment against itself, it has in fact been very, very discriminating.

The case of Poland only brings to the surface a much larger question. The Polish nation is going to be a great nation in Europe, with tremendous economic possibilities. A vast internal market is being created by the agrarian reform, the division of the landed estates, and the country is generally so shattered that large-scale reconstruction projects—meaning plenty of work for American workers—are on the order of the day.

But when Poland applies for a half billion dollar loan from the United States, the ambassador Arthur Bliss Lane, says "nothing doing under present conditions." Mr. Lane objects to Poland's nationalization of basic industries.

Interference Against Polish Democracy

He obviously objects to the very measures which Poland's valiant democratic government is carrying out in order to bring about a great new economic potential for the country. Mr. Lane is proposing to interfere in Poland's internal affairs as the price of economic assistance. And the interference would work against the very parties and the very projects which alone can revive Poland's economy.

On the other hand, the Export-Import Bank has granted loans, totalling one billion dollars to France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Norway, apart from the loans to Latin American countries.

One hundred million dollars is now being loaned for the Netherlands East Indies — where the Dutch are coming in not only with American rifles, tanks, and uniforms, but the promise (and threat) of American dollars.

In addition to these reconstruction credits, the Bank has made a few loans to finance the purchase of American cotton. Finland received a bit of this money kind of credit recently. Then there is the big four billion dollar crdit projected for Britain. And the other day, there was a $25,000,000 credit announced for Greece.

Obviously, the eastern European countries are deliberately being kept out in the cold — Poland, Czechoslovakia, Albania, and Yugoslavia, to name some of our Allies. Of course, the Soviet proposal for a six billion dollar loan is very much on ice.

Cold Shoulder To Eastern Europe

Or take this International Trade Conference which the State Department plans for June. All the western European countries are invited, even Luxembourg. India, Canada, Brazil, New Zealand, China, Cuba, and even South Africa was equally honored. But only Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union were invited from eastern Europe. Neither of them, incidentally, have yet accepted.

This, too, looks very much like a form of discrimination which has heavy political overtones as well as economic implications. Again, Poland, and Yugoslavia are left out, though both countries have a great deal to say and to offer. And the invitation to the USSR appears more a formality than a real move, especially since the practical issue of helping Soviet reconstruction by large-scale credits is still being pigeonholed.

Now I am not cheering for this particular trade conference, nor am I saying that the western European countries should not receive financial assistance. But I am saying that American imperialist aims are very clearly revealed by this policy of economic discrimination.

It smacks of building an economic bloc on the one hand; on the other, it means that the United States is holding up any form of large-scale economic transactions as a way of undermining friendly democratic governments and checking those internal changes which are absolutely essential to their revival.

Moreover, since Poland would be in line for a loan if she adjusted her internal affairs to American desires, it follows that those countries which do receive loans are implicitly making political concessions to the United States.

Not only is Poland's sovereignty jeopardized, but to the extent that they get loans such countries as France, Belgium or Norway or Holland are being compelled to pay a price—knuckling under to the United States. Both kinds of countries—those who do and those who do not get help—are therefore threatened.

A progressive foreign policy—which we do not have today but which should be fought for—would include economic assistance to all nations, especially those who have suffered most. Such assistance should be given without strings of any kind attached, except the normal conditions of reasonable interest and repayment provisions.

Economic and political blackmail of members of the United Nations is the sign that the United Nations itself is being undermined—by the creditor country, the United States.

If Mr. Byrnes really means all the fine things he says at the UNO in London, he ought to announce a large-scale credit to the Soviet Union and other eastern European countries. Such credits would mean a strengthening of their economies, as well as business and work for Americans. Above all, it would be a sign that we intend to work with the Soviet Union, and not against her.

Let's Face It

THE debate over the role of the veteran in the nation's industrial struggles is being settled in life.

It is being settled quietly, with little discussion in the press. And with good reason. For the settlement is not all to the liking of the employer-controlled newspapers.

Early in the GM strike, there were rumblings of a movement of veterans against the workers. The "movement" turned out to be a single individual, an ex-Army officer closely associated with the GM hierarchy and apparently paid by it. The company, however, was gypped, for the movement fizzled badly.

Among the 11,000 strikers in the huge Lackawanna plant of Bethlehem Steel, up near Buffalo, there are a few thousand veterans. When the workers were polled for the steel strike, 31 ballots of veterans were held out because of a dispute regarding eligibility. Of these, 29 were for strike, one was void and one was "No."

In Lockport, also near Buffalo, the 5,000 workers of the Harrison Radiator Co. recently decided to strike. There were some 200 veterans among them. In what was obviously a company-inspired move, one of the veterans informed the union that the veterans would not go out unless they were guaranteed their unemployment insurance, as the other workers were.

According to New York law, strikers can get unemployment insurance after a seven weeks' waiting period. But under the GI Bill of Rights, veterans who go out on strike are deprived of all jobless benefits.

by Max Gordon

The employers in the Lockport plant tried to take advantage of this discrimination against the veterans in order to use them to break the strike. The CIO Council there immediately called a demonstration of veterans in front of the plant against this trick. It then polled the veterans working there.

The vote was 76 for striking, 4 against.

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DESPITE these examples, it would be naive to think that employers have for all time been licked everywhere in their efforts to divide veterans from other organized workers. They will continue these efforts, and in particular areas under particular circumstances may have some success.

The Lockport incident reveals one of the loopholes that has to be plugged. The situation is not at all healthy in New York and in some 15 other states with similar laws, when a section of workers on strike for some time begins to draw benefits while another section is excluded.

The basic solution, of course, is to amend the GI Bill of Rights so as to eliminate the provision, inspired by Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi, which denies the strking veteran his jobless compensaton.

Equality For The Striking Vet

SIDE by side with this, however, there should go the fight to change the state law in order to provide for jobless benefits for veterans at least on the same basis as workers. The CIO and the American Labor Parties have demanded this, and in Buffalo, veterans led by the CIO have held demonstrations before the State Unemployment Insurance offices insisting upon a change.

As a result of this pressure, State Labor Commissioner Edward Corsi has suggested a plan whereby a striking veteran's last annual earnings as a civilian would be used as the basis for paying him unemployment insurance under the same conditions as other workers.

While this is a slight advance over the present setup, it is not satisfactory. Large numbers of veterans were youngsters when drafted and had no jobs. Others come from other states and hence have piled up no earnings in New York. Still others had low-paid jobs and hence will draw small benefits.

There is no reason why either the State Unemployment Insurance Fund, now at a high figure, or the state treasury, with its big surplus, cannot be used to pay all striking veterans the full benefits to which they are entitled by virtue of their service. Ths was the demand of the picketing vets in Buffalo.

It will take a state law to do this. The Legislature is now in session.

[P.S.—Don't forget the Gothams-Wilmington professional basketball game this Sunday night at St. Nick's Arena for the benefit of the GM strikers. . . . We'll see you there.]

Making the Grade

"OUR Soviet intelligentsia is an entirely new intelligentsia," said Joseph Stalin in November, 1936, during the course of his speech on the new Constitution. "Formerly it had to serve the wealthy classes, for it had no alternative. Today it serves the people, for there are no exploiting classes. And that is why it is now an equal member of Soviet society, in which side by side with the workers and peasants, pulling together with them, it is engaged in building the new, classless, socialist society."

How does such an intelligentsia develop in a country where only 10 years before, in 1926—and that was already nearly a decade after the Socialist Revolution!—there were areas like the Azerbaijan Republic, for instance, with only a 25 percent literacy rate, and others like the Tajik Republic, where the literacy was less than four percent. A good deal of the immediate answer is to be found in the remarkable Information Bulletin of the Soviet Embassy, dated Dec. 27, 1945, which is entirely devoted to the question of "Education in the USSR." In the 16 pages of this goldmine of information, one section after another

by Harold Collins

stands out in your mind as you read it; it should be read through and pondered on, not only by every friend of the Soviet Union, but by everyone in this country in any way connected with education.

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AS in all such documents from the Soviet Union, there is a lavish use of statistical material, something with which, in their own way, our own Board of Education reports also go in for. But what tremendous stories of human advancement lie behind those Soviet statistics, by contrast with the whittling and pruning and scraping with a careful eye will soon detect in any edition of New York's "All the Children!" Consider, for instance, the heroic leap that is implicit in the simple report that, whereas in pre-revolutionary days only one out of 25 in that whole vast area was attending school, by 1939 the point had already been reached where the figure was **one out of every four!** Or think more specifically of that Tajik Republic where the literacy rate is reported as having risen between 1926 and 1939 **from 3.7 percent to 71.7 percent** or finally of Uzbekistan, which **in 1914 had 17,000 pupils, and in 1939, 1,106,000!**

Education In the USSR

Would any one doubt that the Soviet Union stood forth unchallenged among all countries for leadership in achieving a total war effort during the grim years from 1941 to 1945? Yet, right in the midst of those years, the 1944 budget for education was raised to twice the figure of the previous year; and in 1943 alone, **tens of thousands of school desks were manufactured and sent at once to replace those lost in Stalingrad, Rostov, Kursk and Orel. In Rostov-on-Don, reports the Bulletin, more than 500 schools, with 50,000 students in them, were functioning four months after the invader had been driven out.**

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IT was during some of the darkest days of the invasion that Ilya Ehrenburg was reminding us, in that unmatchable article, **Our Humanism,** of the slogan which had appeared in the Moscow of 1920, where there was no heat and no light. "Children Are the Blossoms of Life," it read. Is there any wonder that in that enormous area of the globe where Yugoslavs and Indonesians—yes, and Americans, too!—must still struggle to bring the blossoms of life to full fruition, that there millions of eyes are turned to a country which **makes that its slogan, and carries the slogan out?**

Southerners Aid Bandleader's Fight on Jimcrow

By EUGENE GORDON

Southern jitterbugs shook the hand of Lionel Hampton, famous Negro bandleader, for stopping their dance at Kansas City's Pla-Mor Ballroom recently.

His band had played up to the first intermission when he learned that Cab Calloway, an equally famous bandleader, had arrived in response to an invitation, but had been barred and assaulted at the entrance.

Hampton, now at the Strand, Broadway and 49 St., said he investigated the report and found Calloway had been beaten over the head by Bill Todd, the ballroom's bouncer, for entering a "white" dance, and had been taken to the hospital.

"I immediately told my band we were quitting and to start packing," Hampton said.

The dancers, "mostly young jitterbugs, lots of them soldiers and ex-soldiers and all of them Southerners," were angered at the sudden halt to the music and demanded an explanation. Hampton gave it.

LIONEL HAMPTON
Smacks Jimcrow

An ex-soldier led the crowd which lined up almost spontaneously to shake Hampton's hand and commend him. The soldier, saying he was a Texan and that this was not what he and his buddies had fought for, suggested the management could be terribly embarrassed by having to refund the dancers' money.

Hampton seconded the suggestion, and the ticket office was swamped by nearly 2,000 demanding their money back. The management appealed to Hampton to continue. He refused.

Hampton and his men received no money for the half of the evening they played.

"I hope I set a precedent for other bandleaders who run into cases like that," he said.

Calloway and a friend, Felix Payne, Jr., who had just returned from more than a year's service as director of a Red Cross club in India, had been invited by Hampton to supper in his dressing room. The two men bought tickets without difficulty and encountered no trouble until they met Todd on the floor.

Calloway was treated for head injuries from the bouncer's pistol and booked for "drunkenness" and "disturbing the peace." Payne was charged with "drunkenness" and "interfering with a police officer." All charges were dismissed in court.

Listen Here, Mr. Editor

Jimcrow on Railroads In New York City

Camp Butner, N.C.

Editor, Daily Worker:

My Christmas holiday furlough in New York City was a beautiful one, considering the times in which we are living (with unfinished peoples wars of libera tion) and the system we live by (reactionary - decadent - bourgeois, profit-gorging-imperialist coupon clippers, with its feudalist-bourbon-incipient fascist society).

Then I sought my seat on a Seaboard Railway train, the Meteor, New York-Miami bound, Jan. 2. There on the train, right in the heart of N. Y. C., was Jimcrow as the big, bad, bold fellow we know him to be in Bilboland.

What I want to know is can't something be done to deport Jimcrow out of N. Y. C.'s railroad stations and/or trains entering or leaving N. Y. C.? This denial of social equality, this obstruction to human decency, this decadent-feudalistic oppression by a class (bourgeois) of a people (the Negro) and a nation (the American) can and must be stopped. Let us hasten the day, O People's Champion, when all human beings will feel proud of their country and a system (socialism) which will recognize their dignity.

PFC. W. W. P.

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How Post Office Workers Feel About Doing WU Work

Brooklyn, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Your front page story in the January 10th issue on how the Post Office department aids Western Union in delivering its telegram was true in every respect. To the complete proof of the postmarked Western Union envelope you reproduced with your story, I wish to add, as a postal employee, the following testimony:

Western Union telegrams are now delivered by the hundreds through the postal system throughout Greater New York. This can be attested to by people who receive these messages via the post office instead of the Western Union service, although the regular wire charges are paid. It would be more interesting, I believe, to give you the reactions of the postal employes involved, unwittingly, in aiding the telegraph company.

Members of the Special Messenger force, composed largely of ex-GIs, give either silent sympathy to the strikers, or plead that "anything that has a stamp on it is mail and must be delivered." The regular carriers on routes refer to themselves with grim humor as "strikebreakers." Being members of the National Association of Letter Carriers, AFL, they don't like handling the "hot stuff." Ditto for the clerks.

The men, themselves now involved in a Congressional drive for a salary raise to replace the recent, almost universal cut in pay due to loss of Saturday overtime, are sympathetic to the aims of the strikers. Only antiquated Civil Service rules and the Hatch Act prevent them from a fuller expression of their sentiments. Even so, New York's local 10, National Federation of Post Office Clerks, AFL, has placed itself on record, at a membership meeting, as "in sympathy" with the strikers.

A POSTAL WORKER.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Romania to Use PR in Elections

BUCHAREST, Jan. 14 (Delayed) (UP).—Lucretiu Patresceanu, Romanian Minister of Justice, said today that a law providing proportional representation in Parliament and eliminating indirect selection of the Upper House was being prepared for the forthcoming elections.

Soldiers and women will be allowed to vote for the first time, and the voting age has been lowered from 21 to 19, Patresceanu said. He asserted that while the law will be enacted as a decree, it will be discussed by all elements of popular opinion before it goes into effect.

Patresceanu said that all parties, including those in opposition to the present government, will have full rights to supervise voting.

NO INTERFERENCE

But Romania will not admit the right of foreign observers to supervise, he said. Their presence would be an "indignity for the Romanian people."

The entire judicial system and the strong force of public opinion will guarantee an honest vote, Patresceanu said.

The Romanian government has asked King Michael to commute to life at hard labor the death sentences of 26 criminals sentenced for atrocities committed in the Soviet Union, the Justice Minister revealed. He said the action was taken after the Soviet Government gave its approval.

No death sentences have been carried out on Romanian war criminals, he said.

Call Peron Election Bid 'Colossal Bribe'

Argentine fascists are attempting to pull "one of the most colossal bribes in history," the Council for Pan American Democracy warned yesterday. By promising to secure wage raises for Argentine workers they are trying to split the political unity which was forged between labor and those democratic employers who oposed the military regime.

Employers have replied to Peron's wage boost decree with a 100 percent lockout which helps to make Peron look like "The Workers' Friend."

ELECTION TRICK

This was Peron's idea in the first place. The decree was a demagogic trick to get his dictatorship back into power in the Feb. 24 elections, and doubtless would be rescinded should the people be tricked into voting a democratic halo to the military regime's aggressive plans.

Peron's maneuver is further exposed by the fact that British-owned railroads and government services are specifically exempt from the decree.

Before the government decided to profit from labor's need for better conditions, many of the trade unions and the Communist Party had launched an independent campaign to win wage raises through collective bargaining and without making political concessions to Peron.

The Council for Pan American Democracy pointed out that if democratic employers grant the workers own demands voluntarily, they can see to it that Peron doesn't get the credit.

PERILS FIGHT ON PERON

It is not yet clear how the Democratic Union will react to the present crisis. Unless this four-party coalition and the trade unions can expose Peron's bribe tactic, their chances in the coming elections are seriously endangered.

The Council for Pan American Democracy made two major suggestions:

1. That the State Department immediately release its documented indictment of Peron, based on examination of war criminals in Germany and on material assembled by the Emergency Committee for Hemisphere Defense at Montevideo.

2. That the United Nations Organization immediately examine the Argentine situation and undertake to expel the fascists. Peron's scheme of dominating Latin America in behalf of his Nazi-Falangist tutors must not be allowed to go through on the basis of formal adherence to democratic processes—and any more than Hitler should have been allowed to take office in Germany.

Szyszko, Polish Minister, Dies

Michal Szyszko, Poland's 33-year-old Vice Minister of Agriculture, died suddenly on Jan. 12 in Warsaw of a cerebral hemmorrhage, Polpress reported yesterday. Szyszko visited the United States this fall. He was a major in the Polish Army and a member of the Polish Socialist Party's central committee.

22 Peoples' Heroes Honored

The 800 men and women stood in silent tribute to two who had died—Countee Cullen and Theodore Dreiser. Both had been sponsors of the New Masses dinner at the Hotel Commodore Monday night which honored Negro and white Americans for their contribution towards an America for all peoples. Neither could be there to see presentation of awards to 22 "peoples heroes."

Howard Da Silva told in a dramatic narration why each award was given—Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune for her pioneer work in Negro education; Sterling Brown for his fighting poetry; Benjamin J. Davis "for his leadership of his people and all people;" Arnaud d'Usseau and James Gow for their **Deep Are the Roots** which exposed "the white problem of racial superiority;" Joe Louis whose "first public act as a civilian was to endorse Ben Davis for reelection;" Malcolm Ross, FEPC chairman, who "fought to preserve the dignity of the Negro on the job."

Honors went to Dean Dixon of the American Youth Orchestra, Dr. Charles Drew, blood bank pioneer, Dr. W. E. DuBois, history; Duke Ellington, music, Jacob Lawrence, art, Canada Lee, theater, Dr. Alain Locke, literary criticism; Carlton Moss, writing, Pearl Primus, dance, Paul Robeson, citizen, Hilda Simms, theater; Ferdinand Smith, labor and Frank Sinatra "for his courageous fight on behalf of all minorities."

Sgts. Herbert Wheeldin and John Staggers Jr. won awards for combatting Jimcrow in the Army. They had mobilized GI pressure against relegating Negro members of the disbanded mixed regiments to labor battalions.

"May we continue to work, march and fight," Mrs. Bethune said as she accepted her award, "till the freedom and peace we so long for are realized not only here in America but throughout the world."

Other speakers were Howard Fast, Dr. DuBois, Mrs. Paul Robeson, Samuel Neuberger and Joseph North, editor of the New Masses.

JAPAN CP HEAD ASKS END OF EMPEROR RULE

Sanji Nozaka (Susumu Okano) has returned to Japan after almost 16 years of exile, and the **Herald Tribune** reported yesterday that the outstanding Communist leader has issued a joint statement with the Party's Central Committee.

The statement called for abolition of the Tenno (emperor) system "as an institution of the state." The Japanese people, once democratization of Japan has been accomplished, should in the future decide what will become of the imperial household itself, the statement said.

Prior to Nozaka's arrival there had been considerable speculation regarding his stand on this question. In a report to the Chinese Communist Party Congress at Yenan last May he did not list abolition of the Tenno system as an absolute "must."

Skipped-Over Issues Re-Emerging at UNO

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

Now that the United Nations Organization has gotten under way in London, the complex issues which were buried away by the fine formulations at San Francisco are coming to the surface. And some of them are explosive.

First is the trusteeship issue, which does not bear on all the colonies of the imperialist countries but only the mandates of the old League of Nations. The mandated powers have to formally declare their willingness to put the mandates under the UNO's Trusteeship Council. At a later stage will come the long wrangling over the terms of the trusteeship, which has to be worked out between the Council and each mandated power.

Britain has indicated readiness to put all its mandates under the Truteeship, but significantly does not want to yield Palestine. The Arab countries insist on Palestine's independence, while Britain wants to wait at least until the Anglo-American commission of inquiry is finished. Or so the British say.

The French, Australians and New Zealanders will go along on their African, and south Pacific mandates. But South Africa so far refuses to give up the southwest African mandate representing territory taken from Imperial Germany after the last World War.

U. S. INDECISION EXPLOSIVE

Most explosive of all, however, is the American indecision on turning over the Marshall and Gilbert Islands in the Pacific, formerly under Japan's mandate. All reports indicate a split in the American UNO delegation on this elementary step. The Army's representative. Gen. George C. Kenney, now in London, is talking about simple annexation of these military and naval bases.

American imperialism, which wanted the trusteeship principle as a way of opening up the mandates and colonies of other powers, is balking when it comes to turning over the former Japanese mandates to the UNO.

Secretary Byrnes has so far kept silent in London. But the world can see that while the United States says fine things about making the UNO work, it is at the same time grasping for unilateral control or annexation of powerful strategic bases throughout the Pacific.

A second issue involves the quota of armed forces which all the great powers are required to allocate to the Military Committee, under the new Security Council. Some reports indicate that the United States wants to consider its entire Army and Navy in such a quota, which would mean domination of the Military Committee and the Security Council. On this also, reports say that the American delegates are unprepared, and policy is still to be worked out in Washington.

All kinds of other issues are being thrown into the General Assembly meeting, some of them good, others bad. But it's unlikely that action will be taken at this UNO session. Its main purpose, after all, is organization.

For example, the Philippine proposal for a worldwide "freedom of the press" conference was scotched the other day.

The British desire to turn the entire refugee question over to the UNO is also likely to be whittled down, since the USSR wants the existing agencies in Europe to deal with the question of displaced persons.

There's likely to be publicity on Iran's provocative anti-Soviet moves but no real action. On the other hand, the need for UNO action on Franco or on the Dutch-British assault upon Indonesia could stand more than just publicity.

WHAT'S ON

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Coming

ON TRIAL! John O'Donnell and Capt. Joe Patterson will be publicly indicted as two of America's "war criminals" in a trial to be conducted by the Veterans Against Discrimination. José Ferrer will act as prosecuting attorney, Canada Lee as court clerk. Witnesses include the Rev. L. M. Birkhead, Ben Kuroki, Thelma Dale and Councilman Michael Quill. The Date: January 24, 1946. The Place: Hunter College Assembly Hall, 69th St. between Park and Lex. The Time: 8:00 P.M. Tickets on sale at Jefferson School, Bookfair, Eric Bernay's Music Room, and Veterans Against Discrimination, Hotel Diplomat, 108 W. 43rd St. Prices 60c and $1.20.

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Demands State Pay Vets On Strike Job Benefits

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY, Jan. 15.—The legislature today got a whiff of the strike struggles developing in the outside world as Bronx Labor Assemblyman Leo Isacson demanded from the floor of the Assembly that discrimination against striking veterans in payment of jobless benefits be cut out.

Isacson told the legislature that some 50,000 workers in the state were involved in the walkout of electrical workers today. Of these, he said, about 20 or 25 percent are veterans. He put the blame for the strike on the shoulders of the corporations which, he claimed, have driven living standards to below pre-war levels.

Under the GI Bill of Rights, striking veterans are deprived of all benefits. Under New York law workers who had enough earnings last year to qualify for benefits can get them after seven weeks on strike.

DEPRIVED OF BENEFITS

Since veterans have had no earnings in the state for last year, they cannot get benefits.

Isacson's demand followed a statement by Speaker Oswold D. Heck, noting this discrimination and suggesting a study to remedy it. Heck represents Schenectady, home of 16,000 striking GE workers and of 8,000 steel workers in the American Locomotive plant.

The ALP assemblyman warned, however, that a plan proposed by State Industrial Commissioner Edward Corsi was unacceptable to labor. Corsi would make the veterans' earnings in his last year as a civilian the basis for paying him jobless benefits while on trike.

Isacson said that would deprive veterans who were drafted out of school or who worked at low wages before induction of getting jobless benefits. He insisted that all veterans receive their full jobless benefits while striking.

SET UP COMMITTEE

A resolution setting up a 12-man bi-partisan committee to study veterans problems was passed by both houses after warnings from Isacson and Democratic spokesmen that Governor Dewey's usual tactics in stretching out "studies" would not be tolerated. Isacson insisted that the ALP be represented on the committee. Speaker Heck said later the ALP legislator could serve "ex-officio" as the leader of his party in the legislature.

The committee is to report no later than March 4. Assembly Republican Leader Irving M. Ives added point to the warning about delay when he insisted the committee would have to "go slow because we don't even know what the veterans want."

Isacson will introduce today a measure sponsored by the CIO State Employes Union calling for a straight $700 increase for all state workers.

"Gov. Dewey's proposal for a 4 to 10 percent increase falls far short of restoring pre-war living standards for state employes," the Bronx laborite said.

Map National Phelps-Dodge Strike Action

ELIZABETH, N. J., Jan. 15.—Representatives of two CIO unions with contracts covering refining, mining and fabricating plants of the Phelps-Dodge Corp., met at New York tonight to plan nationwide action against the company.

The United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers and the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers were represented.

The move came as the company turned down all efforts to negotiate a settlement of its Bay Way plant strike here. Its latest show of arrogance came when management rejected an invitation of Mayor James P. Kirk to meet with him and the union to discuss a basis for reopening the plant.

Stassen's 'Cool-Off' Ties Minnesota Unions

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 15.—The "liberalism" of Minnesota's 1939 Governor Harold E. Stassen is bearing fruit for the industrialists in 1946. The state's labor law provides for a fact-finding setup. Pending so-called fact-finding and the mandatory "cooloff," a strike is illegal. The United Steelworkers of America was forced to cancel its strike call in the state until the Feb. 7 deadline under the state's law.

Now the Packinghouse Workers Union of the CIO, scheduled to strike tomorrow, is faced with the same problem.

When Stassen signed the bill, both the CIO and the AFL denounced the measure. Now Stassen is groomed as the possible standard bearer of GOP "liberalism" in 1948.

P.S. President Truman is now pressing for a national "Stassen" Bill.

Suspect Denies Guilt In Hammer-Slaying

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Jan. 15.—In an atmosphere reminiscent of the famous Lindbergh trial, a steel worker pleaded innocent today to murder charges in the hammer slaying of 76-year-old Mrs. Lillian Hinkle and her farm worker, Thomas Davis.

Robert Stewart Housel, 48, was arraigned in the same Hunterdon County Court House, where Bruno Richard Hauptmann was convicted of the murder of the Lindbergh infant.

Housel was ordered held without bail for grand jury action after he entered his plea.

Akron Rubber Workers OK Strike Action for 30c Raise

Special to the Daily Worker

AKRON, Jan. 15.—Goodyear Rubber, Local 2, United Rubber Workers, have voted 4,330 to 376 authorizing strike action for a 30-cent wage raise. The local has been holding its fire, despite provocation, until other Goodyear locals in the country vote to join a nation-wide movement for a wage raise. Among other locals that have already authorized strike action is Goodyear, Local 12, of Gadsen, Ala., by a vote of 2,124 to 29.

The International Executive Board of the URW will meet at Washington on Jan. 23 to set up strike strategy committee and to arrange final plans for a walkout in event negotiations fail.

Other demands put forward by Local 2 call for a basic 30-hour week with time and one half above that; time and one half for Saturday work; six paid holidays; double time for Sunday and holiday work and a 10-cent hourly night differential

Ask State Survey Of History Courses

ALBANY, Jan. 15 (UP).—A survey of American history taught in elementary and high schools was sought today in a resolution introduced jointly in the Senate and Assembly by Sen. Seymour Halpern and Assemblyman George Archinal, Queens Republicans. The resolution urged the education commissioner and the Board of Regents to make the study.

Penn. Governor Plans Violence

Special to the Daily Worker

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 15.—A policy of force and violence to break strikes has been announced by Gov. Edward Martin. The GOP executive, who is chairman of the national governors' conference, made clear his intention to use state police and guardsmen against strikers in a public statement to his cabinet. In it he pledged the "full force and effort of every state agency" to prevent shut-downs of services or facilities affecting the community.

The Philadelphia **Inquirer**, Republican organ with close ties to the Governor's office, characterized the statement as "unprecedented" and reported that it "was interpreted to mean that if necessary he would call on the state police, Pennsylvania guard, and other facilities."

Price Honored

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (UP).—President Truman today awarded the Medal of Merit to Byron Price, wartime censorship director, for his management of voluntary censorship.

The Executive Committee of the Communist Party, Washington, D. C., on behalf of the entire membership, extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of our late comrade,

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In this corner

Should Negro Runners Enter Texas AAU Games?

Bill Mardo

It's important to note the various differences of opinion which have cropped up since Herald Tribune sports editor Stanley Woodward made his original proposal to fight against the AAU championship games scheduled to be held this summer in San Antonio, Texas. Prominent Negro track stars who, of course, are directly involved in this whole business, aren't unanimously in favor of either the AAU meet or Woodward's Randall Island races.

Eddie Conwell, the 1944 60-meter champ, has declared: "Negroes will never solve race prejudice by running away from it. I don't like to go South under present conditions, but I am going because I believe that the more often we go the quicker we will help to break down undemocratic barriers."

Elmore Harris, current 600 and 200 meter indoor champ, said: "I may be wrong, but I am laboring under the hunch that southern athletes like Charlie Parker of Texas, and many others whom I have met, are going to help Negroes to attain a more favorable footing in the South. The more we mix with them the more friends we will win among them. I am willing to gamble on this hunch and I am willing to undergo humiliation this time if it will help my southern friends to see more clearly the injustice of it all."

Opposing the idea of participating in the AAU meet in the Jimcrow South are the famous Negro stars Herbert Thompson, former indoor 60-meter and 60-yard champ; Jimmie Herbert, one-time 600-meter king who now runs in the 1,000, and Joseph Yancey, famous coach of the Negro-white Pioneer Club.

Herbert definitely declared: "I wouldn't compete in Texas under any conditions. I will gladly take part in any open meet staged in the North if I am in condition."

Herb Thompson minced no words by saying: "Any Negro athlete who goes South to compete under Jimcrow conditions is crazy. I have talked with Eulace Peacock and John Woodruff and they feel as I do. We will take part in any open meet anywhere in the North as long as it is run in opposition to the southern meet."

And coach Joe Yancey felt that the AAU meet should be staged in a city "where everybody is welcome."

Dan Burley, managing and sports editor of the reactionary New York Amsterdam News, has just come out with a long article reversing his earlier position and now favoring the idea of Negro champs making the trip South no matter what. "You don't win fights running away," wrote Burley, as he traced a long line of Negro athletes who became immortals in their respective fields despite suffering Jimcrow indignities along the way.

I'm very much afraid that I can't go along with Dan Burley's argument. Sure you don't win fights running away—but neither do you win them by yielding to Jimcrow. Certainly there's no argument against Negroes participating with southern athletes—or in southern cities—providing that the Negro stars don't have to take ten steps backward in their fight for democracy by submitting to all the Hitler-like traditions of the South.

Henry Armstrong, former three-title boxing king, set what I consider to be a wonderful guide whenever such issues as this crop up before Negro athletes and the sports world in general. Seven years ago Armstrong was signed to fight some fellow in St. Louis. Henry agreed to the bout on one condition: that the best seats in the St. Louis fight arena also be put on sale for the Negro fans as well as white. He refused to fight in a Jimcrow club. As you all know, Armstrong got the match on his terms—and he ended Jimcrow in that fight arena once and for all.

Sure, Henry Armstrong was all for showing his talents to a southern audience, sure he was all for helping to prove in action that Negro athletes weren't "inferior" to whites—but so did he demand of the management that it show a little democracy on its side of the fence.

The vast democratic-loving sports world, the trade unions and all progressive organizations must now pressure the AAU just as Henry Armstrong did that St. Louis fight club. A deluge of protest must be directed against the AAU's "guarantee-nothing" policy. It must be demanded that the AAU take a public stand on these questions:

Is the AAU willing to fight for complete equality of the Negro stars on their trip South and during their stay in Texas? Is the AAU willing to fight against the Negro champs being Jimcrowed on the train? Is it ready to fight against Jimcrow hotel and restaurant accommodations? Is it willing to guarantee there will be no "incidents" in Texas that will further the cause of brother Bilbo and the Ku Kluxers?

An answer must be forthcoming from the AAU before its championship meet in Texas can be supported.

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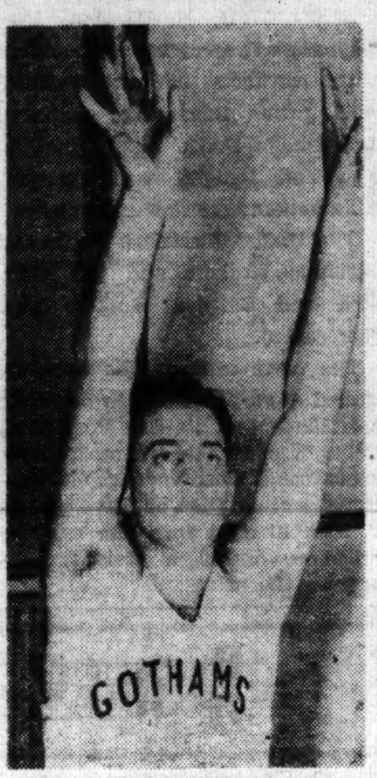

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Pop Shots and Dribbles:

Pick NYU and Redmen Over Cornell, Syracuse

by Phil Gordon

Lots of folks believe that NYU will have a mighty rough time of it against the unbeaten Big Red team from Cornell tonight. And by the same token, there's very little talk in favor of the Boys From Syracuse who meet the improved Redmen in the Garden finale.

Cornell has averaged 60 points per game in racking up its eight successive wins. The tall, speedy Ithacans have four regulars back from last season: Irwin Alterson, captain Gordon Harrison, Bill Matchneer and Ed Peterson. Cornell's fifth starter is Gene Berce, former Marquette star who is runner-up to Alterson for high-scoring honors on the club.

But despite all the favorable raves for the Big Red team—and despite its tremendous height advantage over the Cannmen—there's no denying that these are practically the same two clubs who met last year when NYU won 52-30. Berce is the only Cornell man who didn't face the Violets last season.

NYU, despite its lack of consistency, figures to have way too much talent for the Ithacans. With all of the club's weaknesses, brothers Tannenbaum, Mangiapane, Schayes, Forman and Goldstein carry too many guns for the Big Red team. The Violets should win rather decisively.

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What with Harry "the Reach" Boykoff rapidly returning to form, the St. John's Redmen don't figure to have an uncomfortably tough time against Syracuse in the second game tonight.

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7—Mangiapane	R.G.	Berce—11

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SECOND GAME

No. St. John's	Pos.	SYRACUSE No.
4—Wertis	L.F.	Crandall— 6
3—Frascella	R.F.	Gabor—17
11—Boykoff	C.	Newell—16
12—Doctor	L.G.	Spicer—22
10—Zaslofsky	R.G.	Stickel— 9

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WABC—Amanda—Sketch
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WQXR—News; Alma Dettinger
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test—Quiz
WABC—Second Husband
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch
WOR—Take It Easy Time
WJZ—Home Edition
WABC—A Woman's Life
WMCA—News; Studio Orchestra
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr
WOR—Ted Malone—Talk
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories

NOON TO 2 P.M.

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2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—News; Music
WJZ—John B. Kennedy
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WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Concert Music
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch
WQXR—Treasury Salute
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch
WQXR—Request Music
2:45-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch
WABC—Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
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WABC—Time to Remember
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Request Music
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WABC—This Is New York
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young's Family
WOR—News; John Gambling
WJZ—Ladies Be Seated
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
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3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
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6:00-WEAF—News Reports
WOR—Paul Schubert
WJZ—News; Kiernan's News Corner
WABC—News; Quincy Howe
WMCA—News; Talk
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WEAF—Concert Music
WOR—Man on the Street
WJZ—Here's Morgan
WABC—James Carroll, Tenor
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Music
6:30-WOR—News; Fred Vandeventer
WJZ—News; Sports Talk
WABC—Eileen Farrell, Soprano
WMCA—Racing Results
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Cal Tinney
WABC—The World Today
WMCA—Recorded Music
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
WJZ—Headline Edition
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show
WMCA—News; Jack Eigen
WQXR—News; Lisa Sergio
7:15-WEAF—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Swing, News
WABC—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five-Star Final
WQXR—Alfredo Seville, Baritone
7:30-WEAF—Red Barber Star Revue
WOR—Frank Singiser, News
WJZ—The Lone Ranger
WABC—Ellery Queen
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Barzin Orchestra
7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs
WHN—Johannes Steel
8:00-WEAF—Mr. and Mrs. North
WOR—Can You Top This?
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
WABC—Jack Carson Show
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ—Elmer Davis
8:30-WEAF—Hildegarde, Songs
WOR—Bert Lahr Show
WJZ—Fishing and Hunting Club
WABC—Dr. Christian
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Eddie Cantor Show
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—All-American Jazz Concert
WABC—Frank Sinatra Show
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News Review
9:15-WOR—Real Life Stories
WQXR—Great Names
9:30-WEAF—Mr. District Attorney—Play
WOR—Spotlight Bands
WABC—Play: Maisie; Ann Sothern
WMCA—When He Comes Home
WQXR—Musical Festival
10:00-WEAF—Kay Kyser Show
WOR—Radio Auction Show
WJZ—Variety Music
WABC—Great Moments in Music
WMCA—News; Mental Marathon
WQXR—News; Opera Music
10:30-WOR—The Symphonette
WJZ—Betty and Buddy, Songs
WABC—Andrew Sisters Show
WMCA—Frank Kingdon
WQXR—String Music
10:45-WJZ—Steelworkers Speak
WMCA—Musical Encore
11:00-WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WABC, WJZ—News; Music
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
11:30-WABC—Invitation to Music
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'A Walk in the Sun' Is a Memorable Film

By DAVID PLATT

Lewis Milestone, who made **All Quiet on the Western Front, Of Mice and Men, The Purple Heart, Edge of Darkness** and **The North Star**, has given us another fine film in **A Walk in the Sun.**

Screen writer Robert Rossen (**Edge of Darkness, They Won't Forget**) adapted **A Walk in the Sun** from the original novel by Harry Brown of the staff of **Yank.** If the picture had appeared in 1945, I think I would have put it ahead of **Story of GI Joe** as the best Hollywood film of the year.

The scene is Italy in the year 1943. **A Walk in the Sun** describes the experiences of a platoon of infantrymen along a six-mile stretch of dangerous road leading from the beachhead to a farmhouse held by Nazis.

The members of the platoon are a comradely group of fellows who look, talk and act like they are going through an ordeal they will remember as long as they live. They are introduced in a stirring ballad composed and written especially for the film by Earl Robinson and Millard Lampbell. It runs like this:

They are moving in through
hell and high water,
"These are the men of the Texas
Division, United States Infantry:
Friedman and Tyne, Rivera and
Porter,
A Texan from Jersey and one
from Dakota,
A Texan from out near Duluth,
Minnesota,
Kansas, Maine and Tennessee,
Lord God,
They're all in the Texas
Infantry.

There's a genuine ring to the acting of newcomers like George Tyne and Richard Conte. The

A WALK IN THE SUN. Produced and directed by Lewis Milestone. Screenplay by Robert Rossen from the novel by Harry Brown. Songs by Earl Robinson and Millard Lampbell. Cast includes Dana Andrews, Richard Conte, George Tyne. At the Victoria.

dialogue in **A Walk in the Sun** has freshness and vitality, recalling the vivid and truthful depiction of war in Gen. Eisenhower's **The True Glory.** When a hard-boiled sergeant breaks down mentally and cries like a baby, Windy, a minister's son who likes to make up letters in his head addressed to his sister Frances, observes that some wounds are so deep, there's no bleeding.

As this scene suggests, **A Walk in the Sun** is the story of men whose spirits have been deeply hurt by the war. We get to know most of the bruised GIs mentioned in Earl Robinson's ballad very well indeed. The guy from Duluth who insists that in 1958 he'll be fighting the Battle of Tibet. The farmer from Dakota who dreams of a big, juicy apple all day long. The Jersey City machine-gunner who is always borrowing cigarettes. The GI who is always cold. Nothing warms him. Even at home **"I was always cold."** One could wish for nothing better than to be on intimate terms with each and every one of those splendid Americans.

The quality of the humor in **A Walk in the Sun** is something to write home about. This is particularly true of the sparkling exchanges between Friedman (Tyne)

Lewis Milestone, producer and director of "A Walk in the Sun."

and Rivera (Conte), a machine gun team that knows the score from [redacted] to Z. "Mary and [redacted] says at one point [redacted] of good men [redacted] Why don't [redacted] wish I had every [redacted] palm of my hand [redacted] to a pulp! Why [redacted] alone?" Friedman [redacted] his poker-face stares [redacted] together in a ditch [redacted] chine gun "Rivera [redacted] slow," he comments. [redacted] on good."

This is George Tyne's [redacted] screen role. He was known [redacted] dy Yarus of the [redacted] Theatre a few years ago. [redacted] formance in **A Walk in** [redacted] which I observed with a [redacted] eye, is as honest as sunshine. I hope we'll be seeing more of him in the movies. Meanwhile put **A Walk in the Sun** at the very top of the list of films worth seeing. It has humanity, humor, reality and is quite the finest soldier film that Hollywood has made.

Countee Cullen's Poetry--Songs Of the Negro's Hopes and Struggle

by Samuel Sillen

COUNTEE CULLEN, the distinguished Negro poet who died last week at 42, used to insist that he wanted "no racial consideration to bolster up his reputation." And no special "consideration" of race or color was needed to recognize in him one of the finest lyric poets of our generation. His firm talent was expressed with unmistakable authority in his very first slender volume, **Color**, published when he was only 22.

Cullen wrote with beautiful simplicity of universal themes—of youth and love and death. In his delicately molded lyrics, influenced by John Keats, A. E. Housman and Edna Millay, the poet gave voice to the joy and pain of living. He expressed the sense of man's fleeting existence on earth:

"Soon every sprinter,
However fleet,
Comes to a winter
Of sure defeat . . ."

An intoxication with nature:

"I cannot hold my peace, John Keats,
There never was a spring like this . . ."

A defiance of old-age:

"Some death-rebellious ember I
Can fan into a fire."

Countee Cullen thus asserted his right to go beyond the bounds of specifically "racial" themes. In one of his poems, "To Certain Critics," he answered those who accused him of treason to his own people:

"No racial option narrows grief,
Pain is no patriot . . ."

In a poem on Sacco and Vanzetti he wrote with burning indignation of those who murdered these white men just as they lynched his colored brothers:

"What bloody silver then shall pay the tolls
Exacted for this legal infamy?"

He saw the bitter irony of a social scheme in which:

"Some are teethed on a silver spoon,
With the stars strung for a rattle."

BUT Countee Cullen's best work, as James Weldon Johnson once noted, was that which dealt specifically with his experiences as a Negro. Rereading his verses one sees that no matter what their theme, Cullen wrote basically out of the pain and aspiration of Negro experience. And he himself was to say: "Somehow I find my poetry of itself treating of the Negro, of his joys and his sorrows—mostly of the latter—and of the heights and depths of emotion I feel as a Negro."

It is out of this experience that he could pen such biting epigrams as the four-line "For a Lady I Know":

"She even thinks that up in Heaven
Her class lies late and snores,
While poor black cherubs rise at seven
To do celestial chores."

Equally memorable is the poignant "Incident":

"Once riding in Old Baltimore,
Heart-filled, head-filled with glee,
I saw a Baltimorean
Keep looking straight at me.

Now I was eight and very small,
And he was no whit bigger,
And so I smiled, but he poked out
His tongue and called me, 'Nigger.'

I saw the whole of Baltimore
From May until December;
Of all the things that happened there
That's all that I remember."

In his later poems, Cullen adopted an increasingly militant one, as in "Mad Song (a provincial southern air as sung by Sen. Rankin and coterie)" which the poet contributed to **New Masses** about a year and a half ago. His identity with the people was growing ever firmer.

Cullen's work has been described by Sterling Brown as "the most polished lyricism of modern Negro poetry." Into traditional forms he poured magnificent irony and tenderness and hope. And while his range was limited, his clarity and conciseness might well be studied by younger poets. Here was one poet whose lines actually sing. And I think many of them will be remembered for a long time. It is sad to lose a poet so young.

[redacted] Players [redacted] of 3

[redacted] Players, Inc. a new [redacted] a repertory of [redacted] theatre, is pre-[redacted] in a series of [redacted] Red Laugh, [redacted] music [redacted], at the [redacted] Street and [redacted] through [redacted] at 8:45 p. m. [redacted] includes Ray Verity, [redacted] Van Houten, Fred La [redacted], Margaret Morgan, Ivy [redacted], Josephine Bicknell, Lorenzo Fuller and Eva Gerson. The second production of the group will be a living newspaper, **James Crow.**

Forum On Negro Artists

The Negro as an Artist is the subject of a Forum at ACA Gallery, 63 E. 57 St., Friday evening, Jan. 18 at 8:40 p. m.

Speakers include Lillian Smith, author of **Strange Fruit**, Gwendolyn Bennett, director of the George Washington Carver School, Arnaud D'Usseau, co-author of **Deep Are The Roots** and William Lawrence, composer and instructor at the Metropolitan Music School.

The meeting is the second of a series jointly sponsored by the ACA Gallery and Artists League of America.

Serkin Plays Mozart Concerto

Eugene Ormandy conducts the Philadelphia Orchestra concert over the Columbia network (WABC—CBS 5-6 p. m.) Saturday, Jan. 19, with Rudolf Serkin as soloist in the Mozart E-flat major Piano Concerto (K. 449). The program also includes the first broadcast performance of a Concerto Grosso for Strings by Leclair, arranged for orchestra by Arcady Dubensky, and the Hary Janos Suite by Zoltan Kodaly.

Pearl Primus On the Air

Pearl Primus, dancing star of the recently revived "Showboat," will be Shelly Mydan's guest on **Time for Women**, Thursday, Jan. 17, at 4:30 p. m., EST, over WJZ—ABC. Miss Primus' career, which is highlighted by her stellar role in the classic musical, and interesting tales about the show will feature the 15-minute session.

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Should Negro Runners Enter Texas AAU Games?

Bill Mardo

It's important to note the various differences of opinion which have cropped up since Herald Tribune sports editor Stanley Woodward made his original proposal to fight against the AAU championship games scheduled to be held this summer in San Antonio, Texas. Prominent Negro track stars who, of course, are directly involved in this whole business, aren't unanimously in favor of either the AAU meet or Woodward's Randall Island races.

Eddie Conwell, the 1944 60-meter champ, has declared: "Negroes will never solve race prejudice by running away from it. I don't like to go South under present conditions, but I am going because I believe that the more often we go the quicker we will help to break down undemocratic barriers."

Elmore Harris, current 600 and 200 meter indoor champ, said: "I may be wrong, but I am laboring under the hunch that southern athletes like Charlie Parker of Texas, and many others whom I have met, are going to help Negroes to attain a more favorable footing in the South. The more we mix with them the more friends we will win among them. I am willing to gamble on this hunch and I am willing to undergo humiliation this time if it will help my southern friends to see more clearly the injustice of it all."

Opposing the idea of participating in the AAU meet in the Jimcrow South are the famous Negro stars Herbert Thompson, former indoor 60-meter and 60-yard champ; Jimmie Herbert, one-time 600-meter king who now runs in the 1,000, and Joseph Yancey, famous coach of the Negro-white Pioneer Club.

Herbert definitely declared: "I wouldn't compete in Texas under any conditions. I will gladly take part in any open meet staged in the North if I am in condition."

Herb Thompson minced no words by saying: "Any Negro athlete who goes South to compete under Jimcrow conditions is crazy. I have talked with Eulace Peacock and John Woodruff and they feel as I do. We will take part in any open meet anywhere in the North as long as it is run in opposition to the southern meet."

And coach Joe Yancey felt that the AAU meet should be staged in a city "where everybody is welcome."

Dan Burley, managing and sports editor of the reactionary New York Amsterdam News, has just come out with a long article reversing his earlier position and now favoring the idea of Negro champs making the trip South no matter what. "You don't win fights running away," wrote Burley, as he traced a long line of Negro athletes who became immortals in their respective fields despite suffering Jimcrow indignities along the way.

I'm very much afraid that I can't go along with Dan Burley's argument. Sure you don't win fights running away—but neither do you win them by yielding to Jimcrow. Certainly there's no argument against Negroes participating with southern athletes—or in southern cities—providing that the Negro stars don't have to take ten steps backward in their fight for democracy by submitting to all the Hitler-like traditions of the South.

Henry Armstrong, former three-title boxing king, set what I consider to be a wonderful guide whenever such issues as this crop up before Negro athletes and the sports world in general. Seven years ago Armstrong was signed to fight some fellow in St. Louis. Henry agreed to the bout on one condition: that the best seats in the St. Louis fight arena also be put on sale for the Negro fans as well as white. He refused to fight in a Jimcrow club. As you all know, Armstrong got the match on his terms—and he ended Jimcrow in that fight arena once and for all.

Sure, Henry Armstrong was all for showing his talents to a southern audience, sure he was all for helping to prove in action that Negro athletes weren't "inferior" to whites—but so did he demand of the management that it show a little democracy on its side of the fence.

The vast democratic-loving sports world, the trade unions and all progressive organizations must now pressure the AAU just as Henry Armstrong did that St. Louis fight club. A deluge of protest must be directed against the AAU's "guarantee-nothing" policy. It must be demanded that the AAU take a public stand on these questions:

Is the AAU willing to fight for complete equality of the Negro stars on their trip South and during their stay in Texas? Is the AAU willing to fight against the Negro champs being Jimcrowed on the train? Is it ready to fight against Jimcrow hotel and restaurant accommodations? Is it willing to guarantee there will be no "incidents" in Texas that will further the cause of brother Bilbo and the Ku Kluxers?

An answer must be forthcoming from the AAU before its championship meet in Texas can be supported.

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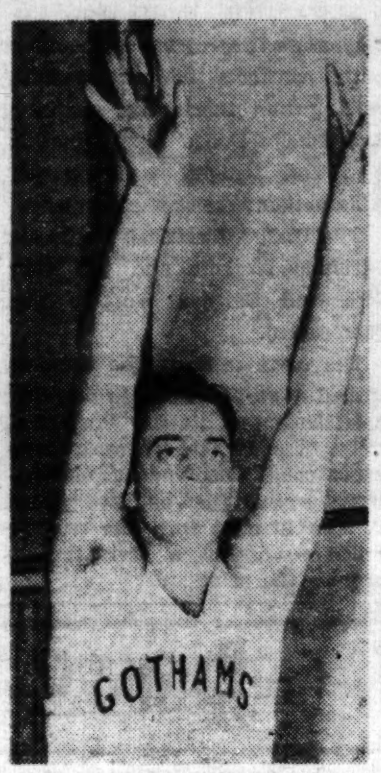

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Pop Shots and Dribbles:

Pick NYU and Redmen Over Cornell, Syracuse

by Phil Gordon

Lots of folks believe that NYU will have a mighty rough time of it against the unbeaten Big Red team from Cornell tonight. And by the same token, there's very little talk in favor of the Boys From Syracuse who meet the improved Redmen in the Garden finale.

Cornell has averaged 60 points per game in racking up its eight successive wins. The tall, speedy Ithacans have four regulars back from last season: Irwin Alterson, captain Gordon Harrison, Bill Matchneer and Ed Peterson. Cornell's fifth starter is Gene Berce, former Marquette star who is runner-up to Alterson for high-scoring honors on the club.

But despite all the favorable raves for the Big Red team—and despite its tremendous height advantage over the Cannmen—there's no denying that these are practically the same two clubs who met last year when NYU won 52-30. Berce is the only Cornell man who didn't face the Violets last season.

NYU, despite its lack of consistency, figures to have way too much talent for the Ithacans. With all of the club's weaknesses, brothers Tannenbaum, Mangiapane, Schayes, Forman and Goldstein carry too many guns for the Big Red team. The Violets should win rather decisively.

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FIRST GAME, 8:00 P.M.

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17—Goldstein	R.F.	Matchneer—12
23—Schayes	C.	Peterson—13
6—Tanenbaum	L.G.	Harrison—14
7—Mangiapane	R.G.	Berce—11

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CORNELL RESERVES: Truslowe (6), Warren (7), Chollet (8), Arrison (9), Kain (10), Glasow (16), May (17).

SECOND GAME

No. St. John's	Pos.	SYRACUSE No.
4—Wertis	L.F.	Crandall—6
3—Frascella	R.F.	Gabor—17
11—Boykoff	C.	Newell—16
12—Doctor	L.G.	Spicer—22
10—Zaslofsky	R.G.	Stickel—9

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11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Fred Waring Show
WOR—News; Talk; Music
WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
WABC—Amanda—Sketch
WMCA—News; Music Box
WQXR—News; Alma Dettinger
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test—Quiz
WABC—Second Husband
11:30-WEAF—Barry Cameron—Sketch
WOR—Take It Easy Time
WJZ—Home Edition
WABC—A Woman's Life
WMCA—News; Studio Orchestra
WQXR—Concert Music
11:45-WEAF—David Harum
WOR—Talk—Victor Lindlahr
WOR—Ted Malone—Talk
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—Don Goddard, News
WOR—News; Richard Maxwell
WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music
12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNeills
WABC—Big Sister
12:30-WEAF—Art Van Damme Quartet
WOR—News; The Answer Man
WJZ—News; Women's Exchange
WABC—Helen Trent
12:45-WEAF—Music of Manhattan
WABC—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Mealtime Melodies
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphonic Music
WLIB—Clifton Evans
1:15-WJZ—Constance Bennett, Comment
WABC—Ma Perkins
1:30-WOR—Lopez Orchestra
WABC—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch
WJZ—Galen Drake
WMCA—The Captain Tim Healys
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News
WOR—John J. Anthony
WABC—Road of Life—Sketch
WMCA—Studio Orchestra

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light
WOR—News; Music
WJZ—John B. Kennedy
WABC—Second Mrs. Burton
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Concert Music
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WABC—Perry Mason—Sketch
WQXR—Treasury Salute
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WABC—Rosemary—Sketch
WQXR—Request Music
2:45-WEAF—Masquerade—Sketch
WABC—Tena and Tim
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America
WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—Al Pearce Show
WABC—Time to Remember
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Request Music
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins
WABC—This Is New York
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young's Family
WOR—News; John Gambling
WJZ—Ladies Be Seated
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—Request Music
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness
WABC—Landt Trio, Songs
4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife
WOR—Better Half—Quiz
WJZ—Jack Berch Show
WABC—House Party
WMCA—News; Western Song
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas
WJZ—Beautiful Music
4:25-WABC—News Reports
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones
WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy
WABC—Gordon MacRae, Songs
WMCA—News; Music
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown
WJZ—Hop Harrigan
WABC—Feature Story
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WABC—School of the Air
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Music
5:15-WEAF—Portia Faces Life
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Dick Tracy
WMCA—Let's Listen to a Story
WQXR—Today in Music
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill
WOR—Captain Midnight
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WABC—Cimarron Tavern—Sketch
WMCA—News; Jerry Baker, Songs
WQXR—Old Favorites
5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrell
WQXR—Man About Town
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch
WABC—Sparrow and the Hawk
WQXR—Man About Town—Sue Read

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News *Reports
WOR—Paul Schubert
WJZ—News; Kiernan's News Corner
WABC—News; Quincy Howe
WMCA—News; Talk
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WEAF—Concert Music
WOR—Man on the Street
WJZ—Here's Morgan
WABC—James Carroll, Tenor
6:25-WQXR—News; Dinner Music
6:30-WOR—News; Fred Vandeventer
WJZ—News; Sports Talk
WABC—Eileen Farrell, Soprano
WMCA—Racing Results
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Cal Tinney
WABC—The World Today
WMCA—Recorded Music
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr.
WJZ—Headline Edition
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show
WMCA—News; Jack Eigen
WQXR—News; Lisa Sergio
7:15-WEAF—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Raymond Swing, News
WABC—Jack Smith Show
WMCA—Five-Star Final
WQXR—Alfredo Seville, Baritone
7:30-WEAF—Red Barber Star Revue
WOR—Frank Singiser, News
WJZ—The Lone Ranger
WABC—Ellery Queen
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh
WQXR—Barzin Orchestra
7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
WMCA—Sid Gary, Songs
WHN—Johannes Steel
8:00-WEAF—Mr. and Mrs. North
WOR—Can You Top This?
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
WABC—Jack Carson Show
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ—Elmer Davis
8:30-WEAF—Hildegarde, Songs
WOR—Bert Lahr Show
WJZ—Fishing and Hunting Club
WABC—Dr. Christian
8:55-WABC—Bill Henry, News

9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Eddie Cantor Show
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
WJZ—All-American Jazz Concert
WABC—Frank Sinatra Show
WMCA—News; Recorded Music
WQXR—News Review
9:15-WOR—Real Life Stories
WQXR—Great Names
9:30-WEAF—Mr. District Attorney—Play
WOR—Spotlight Bands
WABC—Play: Maisie; Ann Sothern
WMCA—When He Comes Home
WQXR—Musical Festival
10:00-WEAF—Kay Kyser Show
WOR—Radio Auction Show
WJZ—Variety Music
WABC—Great Moments in Music
WMCA—News; Mental Marathon
WQXR—News; Opera Music
10:30-WOR—The Symphonette
WJZ—Betty and Buddy, Songs
WABC—Andrew Sisters Show
WMCA—Frank Kingdon
WQXR—String Music
10:45-WJZ—Steelworkers Speak
WMCA—Musical Encore
11:00-WEAF, WOR—News; Music
WABC, WJZ—News; Music
WMCA—News; Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Hour
11:30-WABC—Invitation to Music
WMCA—Harlem Amateur Night
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'A Walk in the Sun' Is a Memorable Film

By DAVID PLATT

Lewis Milestone, who made **All Quiet on the Western Front, Of Mice and Men, The Purple Heart, Edge of Darkness** and **The North Star**, has given us another fine film in **A Walk in the Sun.**

Screen writer Robert Rossen (**Edge of Darkness, They Won't Forget**) adapted **A Walk in the Sun** from the original novel by Harry Brown of the staff of **Yank.** If the picture had appeared in 1945, I think I would have put it ahead of **Story of GI Joe** as the best Hollywood film of the year.

The scene is Italy in the year 1943. **A Walk in the Sun** describes the experiences of a platoon of infantrymen along a six-mile stretch of dangerous road leading from the beachhead to a farmhouse held by Nazis.

The members of the platoon are a comradely group of fellows who look, talk and act like they are going through an ordeal they will remember as long as they live. They are introduced in a stirring ballad composed and written especially for the film by Earl Robinson and Millard Lampbell. It runs like this:

They are moving in through
hell and high water,
"These are the men of the Texas
Division, United States Infantry:
Friedman and Tyne, Rivera and
Porter,
A Texan from Jersey and one
from Dakota,
A Texan from out near Duluth,
Minnesota,
Kansas, Maine and Tennessee,
Lord God,
They're all in the Texas
Infantry.

There's a genuine ring to the acting of newcomers like George Tyne and Richard Conte. The dialogue in **A Walk in the Sun** has freshness and vitality, recalling the vivid and truthful depiction of war in Gen. Eisenhower's **The True Glory.** When a hard-boiled sergeant breaks down mentally and cries like a baby, Windy, a minister's son who likes to make up letters in his head addressed to his sister Frances, observes that some wounds are so deep, there's no bleeding.

A WALK IN THE SUN. Produced and directed by Lewis Milestone. Screenplay by Robert Rossen from the novel by Harry Brown. Songs by Earl Robinson and Millard Lampbell. Cast includes Dana Andrews, Richard Conte, George Tyne. At the Victoria.

As this scene suggests, **A Walk in the Sun** is the story of men whose spirits have been deeply hurt by the war. We get to know most of the bruised GIs mentioned in Earl Robinson's ballad very well indeed. The guy from Duluth who insists that in 1958 he'll be fighting the Battle of Tibet. The farmer from Dakota who dreams of a big, juicy apple all day long. The Jersey City machine-gunner who is always borrowing cigarettes. The GI who is always cold. Nothing warms him. Even at home **"I was always cold."** One could wish for nothing better than to be on intimate terms with each and every one of those splendid Americans.

The quality of the humor in **A Walk in the Sun** is something to write home about. This is particularly true of the sparkling exchanges between Friedman (Tyne) and Rivera (Conte), a machine gun team that knows the score from A to Z. "Mary and Joseph," Rivera says at one point. "There's a bunch of good men going down in this war. Why don't they let us alone? I wish I had every Nazi right in the palm of my hand! I'd crush them to a pulp! Why don't they let us alone?" Friedman gives him one of his poker-face stares as they crouch together in a ditch beside their machine gun "Rivera you catch on slow," he comments. "But you catch on good."

Lewis Milestone, producer and director of "A Walk in the Sun."

This is George Tyne's first major screen role. He was known as Buddy Yarus of the Flatbush Youth Theatre a few years ago. Tyne's performance in **A Walk in the Sun,** which I observed with a critical eye, is as honest as sunshine. I hope we'll be seeing more of him in the movies. Meanwhile put **A Walk in the Sun** at the very top of the list of films worth seeing. It has humanity, humor, reality and is quite the finest soldier film that Hollywood has made.

Countee Cullen's Poetry--Songs Of the Negro's Hopes and Struggle

by Samuel Sillen

COUNTEE CULLEN, the distinguished Negro poet who died last week at 42, used to insist that he wanted "no racial consideration to bolster up his reputation." And no special "consideration" of race or color was needed to recognize in him one of the finest lyric poets of our generation. His firm talent was expressed with unmistakable authority in his very first slender volume, **Color,** published when he was only 22.

Cullen wrote with beautiful simplicity of universal themes — of youth and love and death. In his delicately molded lyrics, influenced by John Keats, A. E. Housman and Edna Millay, the poet gave voice to the joy and pain of living. He expressed the sense of man's fleeting existence on earth:

"Soon every sprinter,
However fleet,
Comes to a winter
Of sure defeat . . ."

An intoxication with nature:

"I cannot hold my peace, John Keats,
There never was a spring like this . . ."

A defiance of old-age:

"Some death-rebellious ember I
Can fan into a fire."

Countee Cullen thus asserted his right to go beyond the bounds of specifically "racial" themes. In one of his poems, "To Certain Critics," he answered those who accused him of treason to his own people:

"No racial option narrows grief,
Pain is no patriot . . ."

In a poem on Sacco and Vanzetti he wrote with burning indignation of those who murdered these white men just as they lynched his colored brothers:

"What bloody silver then shall pay the tolls
Exacted for this legal infamy?"

He saw the bitter irony of a social scheme in which:

"Some are teethed on a silver spoon,
With the stars strung for a rattle."

BUT Countee Cullen's best work, as James Weldon Johnson once noted, was that which dealt specifically with his experiences as a Negro. Rereading his verses one sees that no matter what their theme, Cullen wrote basically out of the pain and aspiration of Negro experience. And he himself was to say: "Somehow I find my poetry of itself treating of the Negro, of his joys and his sorrows—mostly of the latter—and of the heights and depths of emotion I feel as a Negro."

It is out of this experience that he could pen such biting epigrams as the four-line "For a Lady I Know":

"She even thinks that up in Heaven
Her class lies late and snores,
While poor black cherubs rise at seven
To do celestial chores."

Equally memorable is the poignant "Incident":

"Once riding in Old Baltimore,
Heart-filled, head-filled with glee,
I saw a Baltimorean
Keep looking straight at me.

Now I was eight and very small,
And he was no whit bigger,
And so I smiled, but he poked out
His tongue and called me, 'Nigger.'

I saw the whole of Baltimore
From May until December;
Of all the things that happened there
That's all that I remember."

In his later poems, Cullen adopted an increasingly militant one, as in "Mad Song (a provincial southern air as sung by Sen. Rankin and coterie)" which the poet contributed to **New Masses** about a year and a half ago. His identity with the people was growing ever firmer.

Cullen's work has been described by Sterling Brown as "the most polished lyricism of modern Negro poetry." Into traditional forms he poured magnificent irony and tenderness and hope. And while his range was limited, his clarity and conciseness might well be studied by younger poets. Here was one poet whose lines actually sing. And I think many of them will be remembered for a long time. It is sad to lose a poet so young.

Serkin Plays Mozart Concerto

Eugene Ormandy conducts the Philadelphia Orchestra concert over the Columbia network (WABC—CBS 5-6 p. m.) Saturday, Jan. 19, with Rudolf Serkin as soloist in the Mozart E-flat major Piano Concerto (K. 449). The program also includes the first broadcast performance of a Concerto Grosso for Strings by Leclair, arranged for orchestra by Arcady Dubensky, and the Hary Janos Suite by Zoltan Kodaly.

Pearl Primus On the Air

Pearl Primus, dancing star of the recently revived "Showboat," will be Shelly Mydan's guest on **Time for Women,** Thursday, Jan. 17, at 4:30 p. m., EST, over WJZ—ABC. Miss Primus' career, which is highlighted by her stellar role in the classic musical, and interesting tales about the show will feature the 15-minute session.

Repertory Players Plan Series of 3

The Repertory Players, Inc. a new group planning a repertory of classics and social theatre, is presenting as the first in a series of three productions **The Red Laugh,** a new version with incidental music of Ernst Toller's **Hinkemann,** at the Master Institute, 103d Street and Riverside Drive, Wednesday through Friday evenings at 8:45 p. m.

The cast includes Ray Verity, Dorothy Van Houten, Fred La France, Margaret Morgan, Ivy Foster, Josephine Bicknell, Lorenzo Fuller and Eva Gerson. The second production of the group will be a living newspaper, **James Crow.**

Forum On Negro Artists

The Negro as an Artist is the subject of a Forum at ACA Gallery, 63 E. 57 St., Friday evening, Jan. 18 at 8:40 p. m.

Speakers include Lillian Smith, author of **Strange Fruit,** Gwendolyn Bennett, director of the George Washington Carver School, Arnaud D'Usseau, co-author of **Deep Are The Roots** and William Lawrence, composer and instructor at the Metropolitan Music School.

The meeting is the second of a series jointly sponsored by the ACA Gallery and Artists League of America.

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Lenin Rally Hears Strike Aid Plea

The Lenin Memorial meeting commemorated last night at Madison Square Garden was turned into a huge demonstration to aid strikers throughout the country. The rally sponsored by the New York State Communist Party heard rous-

ing appeals to aid picket lines by William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party; Eugene Dennis, member of the national secreatriat; Henry Winston, secretary of the Negro Commission Claudia Jones, Negro Affairs Editor of the Daily Worker.

Bill Norman, New York State organizational secretary, Hal Simon, New York State CP trade union director, was chairman.

There were 20,000 at the meeting.

Fifty percent of the proceeds of the meeting was donated to strike funds as was 10,000 pieces canned goods brought to the rally by Communist Clubs throughout the city.

Among the guests of honor were 100 returned Communist veterans who after distinguished service in the war, have returned to the ranks of the Party.

The voice of Lenin, preserved on one of the few records in existence, was heard during the presentation of "Report on the 152nd Day" a dramatization of the event since V-J Day. Canada Lee, noted Negro actor appeared in the sketch.

Fuller details on the Lenin memorial meeting will appear in Thursday's Daily Worker.

China CP Delegates Outline Unity Plan

Chinese Communist delegates to the Political Consultative Council in Chungking yesterday detailed their program for ending the one-party dictatorship, and called for withdrawal of Allied forces in the shortest possible time.

The Communist proposals, presented by Tung Pi-wu, emphasized nationalization of China's armed forces, organization of general elections throughout the country and establishment of coalition governments in different provinces, with the Kuomintang limited to one-third of all seats on a reorganized National Council.

While agreeing to permanent cooperation of all political parties under Chiang Kai-shek, the Communists insisted that Chiang issue emergency orders only after they are passed by the new coalition State Council.

The proposed military reform would mean that all anti-Japanese troops would be members of the National Army under a new unified command. The size of the armed forces would be drastically reduced and conscription immediately ended.

The Communists have indicated readiness to cut their armies to 20 divisions to the Kuomintang's 100, but want their troops to remain within Communist territory during the transition period. They say Japanese puppet armies must be dissolved immediately and the Japanese disarmed.

ELECTION LAWS

The proposal for general elections as soon as possible would block Chiang's intention of convoking hand-picked delegates to the National Constituent Assembly in May. The Communists oppose the undemocratic constitution Chiang wants that Assembly to underwrite.

Tung's proposals included such measures as revision of organic and election laws, the people's right to strike and demonstrate, and strict observance of the principles of the Atlantic Charter and the Teheran, Yalta and Potsdam conferences.

Other Communist proposals deal with immediate release of all political prisoners, drastic reduction of the national budget, rehabilitation of war victims, broad economic reforms abolishing unnecessary taxes and stabilizing the currency, and an increase in educational facilities.

Communist circles continued today to assert Kuomintang troops were violating the cease-fire order. Chiang circles admitted fighting was continuing, but tried to put the blame on the Communists.

FIVE SUBCOMMITTEES

The consultative council appointed five subcommittees to thresh out decisions on the country's five major problems. These include:

1. Government reorganization, headed by Government foreign minister Wang Shih-Chieh and American-educated Lo Lung-Chi, leader of the China Democratic League.

2. A common political program, headed by Government minister of the interior Chang Li-Shen and Tung Pi-wu, communist representative in Chungking.

3. Military affairs, headed by Chang Tung-Sheng and Hu Lin, and including chief Communist delegate Chou En-lai.

4. Formation of a national assembly headed by Teng Ying-chao, wife of Chou En-lai, and Tseng Chi, president of the Youth Party.

5. Drafting of a new Chinese constitution, headed by Chen Chi-tien and Fu Sun-sien, and including Chou En-lai.

Harlem Parades for FEPC Today

Scores of cars will assemble at 6 p.m. today on Seventh Ave., between 135th and 136th Sts. to form a motorcade for a parade through Harlem to fight for a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee and urge support of the delegation leaving tomorrow morning, Thursday, for Washington.

The Communist Party is sending 50 delegates. The 25 American Labor Party clubs in New York County are sending one representative each.

The John Brown Club of the Communist Party will hold a "sendoff" dance at Club Danceland, 322 W. 125th St., tomorrow evening.

Filipino Rail Workers Strike

MANILA, Jan. 15 (UP).—About 4,600 Filipino employes of the Luzon military railway, protesting what they caller starvation wages and mass layoffs, went on strike today. Lt. Gen. W. D. Styer, commanding army forces of the western Pacific, said nothing could be done to satisfy their demands immediately.

The United States Army, which operates the line, pays workers from two pesos to 5½ pesos ($1 to $2.75 at official exchange rates) for an eight-hour day, six days a week. Strikers ask 80 to 90 percent wage increases.

Indonesia Leader Appeals to UNO

BATAVIA, Jan. 15 (UP).—Premier Sutan Sjahrir of the Indonesian Republic appealed for a quick and peaceful solution of the Java problem from the London UNO Assembly today.

At a news conference, Sjahrir said that there can be "no settlement of present problems unless a joint agreement is made between the United Nations and us, at least by the leading powers of this world organization, the United States and Britain."

Gen. Ike Urges GIs End Clamor, Will Cut Points

Special to the Daily Worker

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—General Dwight D. Eisenhower, army chief of staff, told discontented GIs that demonstrations will serve "no useful purpose," but at the same time promised that discharge requirements for draftees which now call for 50 points or 42 months of service, will be cut as follows:

By April 30—All men with 45 points or 30 months' service will be out of the Army or on the way home.

By June 30—All men with 40 points or 24 months' service will be discharged or enroute home.

Lowered requirements also were announced for other army personnel.

Eisenhower appealed to GIs and Congress to halt their clamor, saying, "The time has come to replace hysteria with calm judgment and sound discipline."

"ADVOCATE" OF GIS

The hero of the battle of Europe, explaining the reason for the recent demobilization slowdown, said that if discharges had continued at the recent high rate "the army would have been out of men by March."

Speaking as a "friend and advocate" of the GI, he said:

"I feel confident that when the reasons for the change in pace in the demobilization program are recognized by our soldiers and they have full knowledge of their outlook for the next six months, they will accept—with that mature judgment Americans always show—their responsibility for finishing the job."

Estimating that the army will need 1,500,000 men after July 1, he warned that, if it fails to get them, the result will be "catastrophic."

When Eisenhower and Admiral Nimitz finished, each offered to answer questions, but not a single member of Congress raised his voice. Later, however, some members said they were "not sure" that Eisenhower had answered "all the questions."

FRANKFURT, Germany, Jan. 15 (UP).—Brig. Gen. George S. Eyster, European Theater redeployment chief, said today that revised point schedules announced in Washington today will add 55,300 European veterans to the number previously scheduled to ship out in the February-April period.

Eyster, emphasizing that his figures represented an estimate and "not a promise" said that new scheduled estimates called for 55-pointers to be on the seas by mid-February; 53-pointers by the end of February; 50-pointers or men with 3½ years' service, by mid-March; 47-pointers by mid-April; 45-pointers, or men with 2½ years service by the end of April; 43-pointers by the end of May, and 40-pointers and two-year service men by the end of June.

SEOUL, Korea, Jan. 14 (Delayed) (UP).—Secretary of War Robert Patterson said today that half of the 807,000 U. S. troops in the Pacific on Jan. 1 would be at home or homeward bound by May.

He also told a press conference that he "does not favor" GI protest demonstrations in foreign countries. He said soldiers should pass their complaints through the usual channels.

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13 Die in West Virginia Mine Blast; 265 Crawl to Safety

WELCH, W. Va., Jan. 15 (UP).—At least 13 persons were killed and 18 injured today when a blast ripped through the main elevator shaft of the No. 9 mine of the New River and Pocahontas Coal Co., near here.

More than 265 men crawled their way to safety over the wreckage and through an air shaft.

The explosion destroyed the elevator in the main shaft, and wrecked the wooden tipple at the top of the mine.

It was believed the blast occurred at the bottom of the elevator shaft, 290 feet below the mouth. Witnesses said they saw flames shoot more than 300 feet into the air.

Most of the men in the mine were working about two miles from the blast spot. They barricaded themselves from the fire started by the explosion, and worked their way to safety after the flames died down.

Joyful family reunions were held at the mouth of the mine.

FORD OFFERS 17.5 CENTS WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

DETROIT, Jan. 15 (UP).—The Ford Motor Co. tonight offered the CIO United Auto Workers a wage increase of 17.5 cents an hour—two cents less than the raise recommended by a Presidential fact-finding board for General Motors strikers.

John S. Bugas, industrial relations director for the company, said the wage increase offer was "of course," contingent on a "workable agreement on company security, worker productivity and representation."

Ford had proposed early in its negotiations with the UAW that the union provide security against work stoppages and slowdowns by setting up a penalty system to apply to workers taking part in wildcat strikes.

Bugas said the present offer was made last Friday, to take effect when the company reaches volume production, "which we believed should be within the next two months."

The new Ford offer would amount to an increase of about 14.5 percent. The previous offer was for about 12.4 percent.

Soviets Ask UNO Council Seat for WFTU

The Soviet Union yesterday proposed a seat on the UNO's Economic and Social Council for the World Federation of Trade Unions.

The Economic and Social Council has 18 members, and the USSR proposed a 19th seat for the world's only international labor federation. The Ukraine backed the proposal. The stand of Britain and the United States was not disclosed.

The WFTU is also demanding a consultative seat in the Assembly itself, the parent body of the Social and Economic Council.

Communist Slain, Athens Workers Strike

ATHENS, Jan. 15 (UP).—Dockside and textile workers in the Athens area struck today after a clash in which rightists in suburban New Ionia killed a Communist worker and wounded another. Civil servants announced their intention to join the strike tomorrow.

Doenitz Ordered Death for 'Wavering'

NUERNBERG, Jan. 15 (UP).—Grand-Adm. Karl Doenitz ordered in the last few months of the war that German naval commanders who "wavered in face of the enemy" should be hanged and their comrades who took the initiative in prosecuting them promoted, the War Crimes Tribunal was told today.

At the end of the session American prosecutor Captain Drexel S. Sprecher took up the case against Baldur von Schirach, Nazi youth leader and emphasized that Schirach tried to perpetuate Nazism by poisoning the minds of youths and preparing them for aggression.

STEEL STRIKE LINES DRAWN; WORKERS SET FOR CRISIS

Special to the Daily Worker

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 15.—This is a tense deadline week before the Sunday midnight strike date in the Pittsburgh steel town. Both sides are making preparations. The Jones and Laughlin Steel Co., for instance, has run carloads of food in to its plants on Pittsburgh's South Side for scabs, if such can be found.

And CIO Steel lodges are organizing picket brigades.

I saw the Homestead Lodge of more than 7,000 members select its 50 picket line leaders.

Both sides are also lining up allies. The Steel Trust is bombarding the public with anti-CIO propaganda through stooge papers like the **Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph** (Hearst), the **Pittsburgh Press** (Roy Howard, and the **Pittsburgh Post-Gazette** (Paul Block).

The CIO, on the other hand, is showing unexpected strength with public opinion. This strength was reflected last week in a declaration of Kilgallen, Democratic presiding officer of the Pittsburgh City Council, that he was taking sides with the strikers.

No high-ranking political leader in the steel city ever before publicly lined up with labor in such a way at such a time.

The strike has overwhelming support among the steel workers. Some workers voice impatience at the week's postponement. They say the struggle is coming, therefore the quicker the better. I have heard much discussion on this point.

Steel workers are bitter at company exploitation, which has sharply increased since V-J Day.

Typical was the action of U. S. Steel in cutting down shear crews at Homestead, where 19 men on each crew now do the work that 24 did last Thanksgiving.

Every operation has its own speedup story. And meanwhile, the grocer gives less and less food for the pay taken home. The men are all set to f